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THE CONOVER CONSPIRACY.

Remarkable and Startling Disclosures of Political Intrigues.

Democratic Plot Against the Bureau of Military Justice.

Conover Hired to Manufacture Evidence Against Judge Holt.

Full Exposure of the Plans and Devices of the Conspirators.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1867.

The recent publication of a series of documents over the signature of the Assistant Attorney-General regarding SANFORD CONOVER and his efforts to obtain a pardon, has led to the discovery of other documents of similar import, though of a different political significance. It will be remembered that the petition for the pardon of CONOVER, as published in the Assistant Attorney-General's statement, was recommended by Republican members of Congress, while the one embraced in the following documents is signed by leading Democrats. It is but fair that both sides of the story should be made public, and I have therefore copied what follows from the official documents on file in the proper Departments.

In connection with these papers there is evidence of the following facts, all of the testimony concerning which is entirely independent of CONOVER.

A few days prior to the adjournment of the Thirty-ninth Congress, Hon. WM. RADFORD proposed to certain parties to unite in attempting to procure a pardon for CONOVER, and he was willing to give $500 if the names of some Republicans could be obtained, and then go to the President and get the pardon.

All these Democrats and ex-rebels were in the plot to manufacture evidence against the Bureau of Military Justice, and to aid the plan to secure the release of DAVIS, and ROGER PRYOR affirmed that President JOHNSON was ready the moment CONOVER presented his false affidavits against the Bureau of Military Justice to release DAVIS.

After using CONOVER, the principals in this matter abandoned him, and were willing he should go to the Penitentiary, that evidence against them might be thus put out of the way.

AIKEN, who defended Mrs. SURRATT, and who now holds a clerkship in the Treasury Department, offered CONOVER a pardon from the President, through Judge BLAIR, if he would reiterate under oath the slanders he had written about the Bureau of Military Justice in an attenuated form.

JACK ROGERS wrote his petition for pardon under the impression that it would close CONOVER's mouth against several of the Democrats. When approached concerning it with the charge—"You helped to get this man into this trouble, now help get him out," he repied: "It's a he, we didn't any such thing, he got himself into it, and he wasn't smart, or he would have got out. He got his money; what did he do with it?"

CONOVER'S PETITION.

The following is a correct copy of CONOVER's petition, together with the signatures of the parties who recommended it, referred to above:

To His Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States:

Your petitioner, CHARLES A. DUNHAM, respectfully shows that at the February term, 1867, of the Criminal Court for the District of Columbia, Judge FISHER presiding, he was tried and guilty of perjury by the verdict of a jury; that the false swearing of which he was convicted was alleged to have been committed in giving testimony before a Committee of the House of Representatives, then inquiring, under a resolution of the House, into the alleged complicity of JEFFERSON DAVIS in the assassination of the late President of the United States.

That in November, 1865, two persons calling themselves CAMPBELL and SNEVEL, made affidavits implicating JEFFERSON DAVIS in said assassination, and left them in the possession of the Judge-Advocate-General of the Army of the United States; and that the same persons attested, to wit, in May, 1866, under the names of HOARE and ROBERTS, testified before the Committee of the House that the affidavits so made and left by them in possession of the Judge-Advocate-General, which affidavits were at that time in the possession of the Committee, were untrue and were fabricated by the petitioner.

That the petitioner was examined before the Committee, and after stating that he had no explanation to make, denied in substance the statements made by the person calling himself HOARE before the Committee, and stated that he had no reason to doubt the truth of the affidavits before the Committee, of these persons, and in reply to questions stated when he had first met them. That the majority of the Committee reported that they were unable to say upon the testimony before them whether the statements made by the persons called CAMPBELL and SNEVEL in the affidavits left with the Judge-Advocate-General were true or false. That on the trial of your petitioner for perjury, in his statement before the Committee denying all that HOARE had said, and that he had no reason to doubt the truth of the affidavits of CAMPBELL and SNEVEL, and stating where he had first met them. These persons who had stated before the Committee that they had made false statements in their sworn affidavits, were the main witnesses against your petitioner, and again stated to the Court and jury that they had sworn falsely. That upon testimony of those persons proclaiming themselves perjured men, your petitioner was found guilty by the verdict of the jury. Therefore your petitioner respectfully asks, that in view of all the circumstances of the case, that the clemency of the President of the United States may be extended to him, and that he may be pardoned for the offence of which a jury, on this evidence chiefly, have deemed him guilty. CHAS. A. DUNHAM.

Dated, WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 1867.

Attached to the above affidavit on the same sheet of paper, and immediately following the signature of the petitioner, the following appears:

MY DEAR PRESIDENT: I have been and still am of the opinion that the perjury in this case was suborned and gotten up by another person, or by other persons, and that CONOVER was their tool, and to save themselves from public odium they have been instrumental in obtaining his conviction, and as I believe him less guilty than others, or at least than one other, I recommend him for pardon.

A. J. ROGERS.

From reading the minority report of Judiciary Committee with the statement of Hon. A. J. ROGERS above, I recommend CHAS. R. DUNHAM to your favorable and full consideration.

WILLIAM RADFORD.

I concur with Mr. RADFORD.

W. E. NIBLACK,
C. A. ELDRIDGE,
F. C. LE BLOND.

The name of Hon. GEO. R. LATHAM was signed on the same line with that of Mr. ELDRIDGE; but the original document shows that it was subsequently erased, although it can yet be plainly seen.

This application for pardon and the accompanying recommendation is contained in official envelope indorsed as follows:

EXECUTIVE, March 15, 1867.

Case of DUNHAM, CHAS. R., convicted of perjury. Application for pardon recommended by Hons. A. J. ROGERS, WM. RADFORD, W. E. NIBLACK, GEORGE R. LATHAM, and others. Respectfully referred to the Honorable the Attorney-General for examination and action.

By order of the President.
ANDREW K. LONG, Secretary.

ANSER'S TESTIMONY.

The following affidavit, while it shows in a clearer light than any other development yet made the machinations of CONOVER, also implicates a prominent New-York journalist and several ex-rebels in a conspiracy to defame the character of Judge HOLT:

City and County of New-York, ss.: Nathan Anser, of Cole Spring, Queens County, in the State of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he knows and is well acquainted with BENJAMIN WOOD, late proprietor of the New-York *Daily News*; Mr. DICK TAYLOR, Ex-General in the rebel army, and ROGER A. PRYOR, late of Virginia, now an attorney and counselor at law in this City, and CHAS. A. DUNHAM (sometimes known as SANFORD CONOVER) attorney and counselor at law in the State of New-York. Further says that about the middle of July, 1866, he was present, by invitation from CONOVER, at an interview at which JAMES MATTERSON was also present, between the latter and the said BENJAMIN WOOD and ROGER A. PRYOR, at the office of said PRYOR, No. 95 Liberty-street, in this City; that CONOVER, before inviting deponent to be present at said interview, informed deponent that the interview was to be held for the purpose of devising additional measures to aid in the movement then being made for the release of JEFFERSON DAVIS, and that deponent would probably be able by making a deposition, to render service in the matter, for which a liberal compensation would be made.

Deponent further says that after being introduced to said PRYOR and WOOD, the former proposed to read and did read to deponent two affidavits which had been previously prepared for deponent to swear to. That one of said affidavits alleged and set forth at great length that deponent had in February, 1866, been taken by said CONOVER before Hon. JOSEPH HOLT, Judge-Advocate-General of the Armies of the United States and had been requested and urged by said CONOVER and said Judge-Advocate-General to make a false and fabricated deposition, under the fictitious name of George Waddell, implicating JEFFERSON DAVIS in the assassination of President LINCOLN; that said affidavit set forth that deponent, when requested by CONOVER and Judge HOLT to make the depositions as in said affidavit alleged, expressed fears and conscientious scruples in opposition thereto, and that Judge HOLT assured deponent that the proceedings would not be attended with any danger, as the making of such a deposition would not amount to legal perjury, and could scarcely be said to amount to moral perjury; that it would at most be what is sometimes called a "white lie," and that the most honorable men have sometimes found it necessary to do a little evil in order that much good might come; that it was not expected to use the deposition in any proceeding against DAVIS, as it was evident from the course being pursued by the President that he would never order a trial for DAVIS on account of his complicity in the assassination; that all that was left of the rebellion was centered in DAVIS, and that depositions he (HOLT) was collecting would go upon the files of the Bureau of Military Justice, and form a solemn part of the history of the rebellion, so that, although DAVIS would escape with his life, he would be branded in history as an assassin and covered with everlasting infamy. Deponent further says that the other of said affidavits read to him by PRYOR, and to which he was requested to subscribe and swear, set forth the testimony which deponent had given before the Military Commission on the trial of the assassins in regard to threats and violence by rebels toward CONOVER for having given testimony before said Commission, and that said affidant alleged that the testimony given by deponent as aforesaid was fabricated and false, and was fabricated by CONOVER and Judge HOLT, and was known by Judge HOLT to be false in every particular, and was given by deponent before the Commission as aforesaid at the instance and request of Judge HOLT, who having helped to concoct it and knowing it to be false as aforesaid, promised to pay and did pay deponent liberally for so doing. Deponent says further that after said affidavit had been read to him by said PRYOR, he said to said PRYOR and others present that there was not a word of truth in either of the papers, and that he did not see, although CONOVER had attempted to explain to him, what good was to come to any one from his swearing to such a pack of —— lies. That PRYOR replied that much good would come from it. That Judge HOLT was attempting to fasten the guilt and crime of procuring bogus witnesses upon CONOVER, and that the affidavit deponent was required to make would therefore protect CONOVER, and fasten the outrageous business on HOLT. That in the next place the affidavits would aid the movement then being made for the release of Mr. DAVIS, who had been outrageously treated, by bringing condemnation upon Judge HOLT and the Bureau of Military Justice, which would induce the President to pardon Mr. DAVIS or release him on parole; and also that it would save deponent much pain and trouble, as it was known that deponent had assisted in hunting up and inducing certain parties to make false depositions in the Bureau of Military Justice against Mr. DAVIS, and it had been determined by the friends of Mr. DAVIS to prosecute for perjury and subornation of perjury all engaged in that business who did not come forward and confess under oath that all they had done had been done with the knowledge and procurement of Judge HOLT, for the avowed purpose of branding JEFFERSON DAVIS as an assassin and covering his name with infamy. That at this point BENJAMIN WOOD interrupted Mr. PRYOR, saying, "Yes, and you benefit yourself still further by taking the money which you will receive for making the affidavits." Deponent further says that he was then stated to him by WOOD and PRYOR that deponent would receive $300 upon swearing to said affidavits; and if it should become necessary to publish them, or either of them, or make any public allusion thereto, in which deponent's name should be mentioned, he (deponent) would receive $500 more; and in the event of his being called upon to sustain the averments in his affidavits, or either of them, in a Court of justice, or any legal proceedings, that he should receive $1,000 in addition to the sums so promised or paid to him. Deponent further says that he then replied to the propositions and representations of PRYOR and WOOD, that while he was ready to do anything in his power to get a friend out of difficulty, or protect himself, that he would see JEFF. DAVIS in h—l before he would swear to such d—d lies as required of him to save his (JEFF. DAVIS') neck from the gallows. That deponent then said, so that all present could hear, addressing the words to CONOVER, that he could protect himself, and CONOVER also, by seeing Judge HOLT, and that he would do so at once, for he believed that there was danger of getting into a greater difficulty by the course proposed, and was bound not "to put his foot in it" if it would save every rebel from JEFF. DAVIS down. Deponent further says that PRYOR then rose and said: "Well, if you decline to help your friends out of the difficulty which you have helped them to get into, you are at least a gentleman, we understand, who will not repeat anything that has been said to you, or any portion of the conversation which has confidentially taken place in your presence." That deponent replied that he should have nothing whatever to say on the subject, and that as he declined to take any part in the business, he would take his leave. That deponent then left the office of said PRYOR, leaving said WOOD, PRYOR and CONOVER, and said JAMES MATTERSON, thereat. Deponent further says that he became a party to said interview at the request of Mr. DUNHAM (Conover), who had given him to understand that he (deponent) could, by making a deposition, sustain him (CONOVER) in a quarrel which had arisen between him and Judge HOLT, and assist him (CONOVER) in a professional engagement to aid by a harmless artifice and stratagem a movement alleged to be on foot, with the knowledge and approbation of President JOHNSON, to ensure the release of JEFFERSON DAVIS on bail or parole. Deponent further says that he was never introduced by CONOVER or any one else to Judge HOLT for the purpose of making a deposition implicating JEFFERSON DAVIS in the assassination of President LINCOLN, and that he was never requested by Judge HOLT or any other person, to make a deposition, in his own or any other name, convicting JEFFERSON DAVIS or any other person with the assassination of President LINCOLN, and that he never did make such a deposition. Deponent further says that he never made a deposition, or stated that the testimony given by him before said Court for the trial of the assassins, as aforesaid, was false, and that he hereby reiterates and reaffirms that the same and every part thereof was true. (Signed) NATHAN ANSER.

Sworn to before me March 27, 1867.
WILLIAM FURNISS,
Notary Public in City and County of New-York.

Certificate of Clerk of Supreme Court attached that FURNISS is authorized to administer oaths, to which is appended the seal of the Court.

MATTERSON'S TESTIMONY.

The following affidavit differs from the one given above, mainly in the fact that the affiant accepted the money and signed the affidavits as proposed by Gen. PRYOR:

City and County of New-York, ss: JAMES E. MATTERSON, of said City, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is acquainted with BENJAMIN WOOD, formerly proprietor of the *New-York Daily News*, DICK TAYLOR, Ex-General in the rebel army; ROGER A. PRYOR, late of Virginia, now a resident of this City, and CHARLES A. DUNHAM, sometimes known as Sanford Conover, Counselor-at-law in this City, and NATHAN ANSER, of Cold Spring, L. I., in the State of New-York. Affiant further says that about the middle of July, 1866, he attended a meeting and conference at the office of said PRYOR, in Liberty-street, in said City, at which all the above-named persons, with the exception of said TAYLOR, were present, and that affiant has read the affidavit of said NATHAN ANSER, hereto annexed and marked "A," in which said ANSER describes what transpired, and detailed what was said at said meeting by said WOOD, PRYOR and himself, and that the matters set forth in said affidavit by said ANSER are in all respects correct and true. Affiant further says that several days before said meeting at the office of said PRYOR, he was called on by said CONOVER, who, after reminding him of some favors received by him at the hands of said CONOVER, asked affiant if he (CONOVER) could depend on affiant to do him a favor; that affiant replied that he was indebted to see him, said CONOVER, for many favors, and that if he could in any way reciprocate it would afford him pleasure to do so. That said CONOVER then stated that the favor he required would render it necessary for affiant to stretch his conscience a little, but that he would have no knowledge of the subject, and that affiant would get well paid for the sin. That affiant replied that he wanted no pay for doing anything which would not be criminal, and involve him in difficulty. That said CONOVER then stated that he had been engaged in obtaining for Judge HOLT witnesses to implicate JEFF. DAVIS in the assassination of President LINCOLN, and that some of the witnesses having turned out to be bogus, Judge HOLT had become alarmed, and in order to screen himself, from suspicion and censure, had decoyed said CONOVER into a trap before the Judiciary Committee, endeavoring to ruin him, and had employed two villians called CAMPBELL and SNEVEL to "dog him" about town with a view of causing his arrest. That he was determined not to be crushed by Judge HOLT, or any other man, if he could help it, and that if he had to fall he would drag his enemy down with him; that he therefore desired affiant to make an affidavit stating that Judge HOLT had endeavored to suborn affiant to make a false deposition implicating JEFFERSON DAVIS in the assassination, and that affiant had refused; that said CONOVER also stated to affiant that the hostility of Judge HOLT had forced him (CONOVER) to enter the service of JEFF. DAVIS' friends, and that they were endeavoring to procure affidavits to implicate DAVIS by means of bogus witnesses in the assassination of President LINCOLN, and that therefore affiant would be serving them as well as himself and that he would pay affiant liberally for the service. That said CONOVER then directed affiant to meet him on the following evening at the Hone House, in this City, which affiant did, and afterward accompanied said CONOVER and a gentleman named BISHOP, who was with CONOVER at the time, to the New-York Hotel, where he would introduce said affiant to Gens. TAYLOR, PRYOR and other friends of DAVIS. Affiant further says that at the New-York Hotel said BISHOP and himself were introduced to said PRYOR and BENJAMIN WOOD, and several other persons whose names he does not now recollect, but that said TAYLOR had not arrived. That after some preliminary conversation between CONOVER and the other parties present, PRYOR said to affiant and said BISHOP, "I suppose, gentlemen, Mr. CONOVER has explained to you the object of our obtaining affidavits from you. The Judge-Advocate General has been for a long time thirsting for the blood of Mr. DAVIS, and has been plotting, not only to deprive him of his life, but of his reputation as an honorable man and a Christian. He has hired and paid a horde of perjurers who stand ready to swear away Mr. DAVIS' life and character, and the only way we can frustrate his villainous scheme is to fight him with his own weapons. By a thousand of the blackest lies ever concocted, he is trying to drag Mr. DAVIS to the gallows, and we must therefore resort to falsehood to thwart his purpose and punish him for his villainy. The man who would swear falsely, as the tools employed by HOLT have done, to deprive a man of his life, is the greatest scoundrel conceivable; but the man who is willing to stretch his conscience to matters to thwart the designs of the blood-thirsty conspirators and perjurers and save their intended victim's life deserves all praise. But in making the affidavits we desire of you, of course no one outside of ourselves here, whose interest it will always be to remain silent on this subject, will ever know or suspect that your affidavits are in any respect untrue. And if we are required to make any use of your affidavits so as to bring in your names before the public it will do you no injury, as it will make you appear as honorable and honest men in having rejected the golden offers of Judge HOLT to aid in his atrocious scheme. At the same time we do not wish this service for nothing. Affiant then further says that PRYOR and WOOD then explained that we, affiant and said BISHOP, would receive $800 each on making the affidavits, and $300 more in case it should be necessary to publish them or make any public use of them, and $1,000 additional in case of affiant or said BISHOP, or either should be called on to reiterate the statements in the affidavits on any trial or in any legal proceedings. Affiant further says that said BISHOP and himself having consented to make the required affidavits on the terms and conditions above mentioned, it was arranged that they should accompany CONOVER on the next day but one to the office of said PRYOR, when the affidavits would be ready for their signatures. Affiant further says that in the early part of said interview whisky was brought on the table; around which most of those present were sitting, and that after it had been agreed by affiant and said BISHOP to make the desired affidavits the conversation became quite general, and that it appeared from such conversation to be confidently believed by the friends of DAVIS, that they would be able, by the course they were pursuing, to so far invoke popular condemnation on Judge HOLT and his proceedings, as to insure the success of the movement then being made and about to be most vigorously pressed for DAVIS' release. Affiant further says, that on the day appointed he accompanied said CONOVER and said ANSER (the said BISHOP having failed to keep his appointment to meet said CONOVER) to the office of said PRYOR, for the purpose of making the said affidavits as agreed and that after the refusal of said ANSER to make the affidavits required of him, and he had departed, said PRYOR proceeded to read to affiant the affidavit prepared for him. That said affiant alleged that Judge HOLT had endeavored, by offering a large sum of money, to induce affiant to make a false deposition, implicating JEFFERSON DAVIS in the assassination of President LINCOLN, and set out with great particularity conversations purporting to have occurred between Judge HOLT and affiant, and the persuasion purporting to have been used by Judge HOLT to prevail on affiant to make the desired deposition, which said affiant alleged affiant refused to do, but which at the same time affiant did not intend to and never did do. And affiant further says that after the affidavit had been read by him to said PRYOR, he assented thereto, and the same was subscribed and sworn to by him before a Commissioner of Deeds or Notary Public, who was brought into the office of said PRYOR for that purpose, and that affiant there and then received $300 for the service. And affiant further says that after the making of said affidavit, he several times, with said CONOVER, met PRYOR and WOOD, and was introduced to several other friends of DAVIS, including Gen. DICK TAYLOR, and that several weeks after the making of said affidavit, he was requested to make and did make another affidavit which was substantially the same as the first, but set out more elaborately and with greater particularity the conversation alleged to have occurred between Judge HOLT and affiant on the occasion of the alleged effort by Judge HOLT to induce affiant to make a false deposition as aforesaid implicating JEFFERSON DAVIS in the assassination of President LINCOLN.

And affiant further says that the affidavits so made by him were false in every respect—that affiant never received any request or offer of reward from Judge HOLT or any other person to make a deposition implicating JEFFERSON DAVIS or any one else in the assassination, and he never saw Judge HOLT in his life, and never made an affidavit for any one in regard to JEFFERSON DAVIS for the murder of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Affiant further says, that in making said affidavits for PRYOR and others, he did not feel that he was outraging the laws of either God or man—that he believed from the representations of CONOVER, PRYOR and others, and from articles which appeared in the newspapers, that an atrocious and murderous conspiracy had been formed, with Judge HOLT at its head, to convict and shed the blood of Mr. DAVIS on the gallows by means of bogus witnesses and false testimony, and that affiant believed that he was performing a humane, Christian act in assisting in this way—the only way, as alleged, possible to defeat the diabolical machinations of the supposed conspirators.

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That in the early part of August last deponent was informed by said CONOVER that he had become involved in a quarrel with the Judge Advocate-General, and that the latter was persecuting him with the vindictiveness of a fiend, and that for his own protection, and to resent the hostility of the Judge Advocate-General, he had joined the friends of Jeff. DAVIS in making an onslaught on the official character of the Judge-Advocate-General, and that he desired deponent to aid them, assuring him that he (deponent) would be well compensated. That, at deponent's request, said CONOVER explained that he desired deponent to make an affidavit accusing Judge HOLT, Judge-Advocate-General aforesaid, with attempting to suborn deponent to make a deposition implicating JEFFERSON DAVIS in the assassination of President LINCOLN. That deponent consented to do what was required of him if he could be satisfied that he could do so without danger to himself, and that said CONOVER then introduced deponent to said WOOD, who assured deponent that no possible harm could come to him; that it might never become necessary for him to repeat his statement in Court, and that if it should become necessary, there would be no one to contradict deponent; that deponent would receive $200 on making the affidavit, $300 more if it should become necessary to publish it in the papers, and $700 more if he should be required to repeat the statement in any judicial or official proceedings; that deponent accepted the offer, and was forthwith taken by said CONOVER to the office of said PRYOR, where an affidavit was prepared by said PRYOR and sworn to by deponent, who thereupon received the $200 promised from the hands of said WOOD; that said affidavit alleged that deponent had been introduced by said CONOVER to Judge HOLT, who endeavored to induce deponent to make a deposition implicating JEFF. DAVIS in the assassination conspiracy, and set out at great length the conversation purporting to have taken place between Judge HOLT and deponent, in which the former endeavored to induce deponent to make a deposition as aforesaid, which deponent refused to do. Deponent further says that said HOLT never requested him to make a deposition; that he never saw said HOLT in his life. Deponent further says that he makes this affidavit without any compensation or reward, or promise of compensation or reward, on the one hand, and without any threats or compulsion on the other, and that his only motive is to do, in the interest of truth and public justice, that which may be fairly demanded of him. FRANCIS MCFALL.

Sworn to before me, May 17, 1867.
EDMUND DE ROSE, Notary Public.

The certificate of WM. C. CONNER, Clerk of the City and County of New-York, and also Clerk of the Supreme Court for the said City and county, that EDMUND DE ROSE was known to him as a Notary duly authorized to administer oaths, to which the seal of the Supreme Court is attached.

MARTIN'S TESTIMONY.

The following affidavit embraces further details of the conspiracy to defame Judge HOLT's Bureau, and to exculpate DAVIS:

City and County of New-York, ss.—JOHN MARTIN, of Brooklyn, Kings County, in the State of New-York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is acquainted with BENJAMIN WOOD, late editor and publisher of the New-York *Daily News*, ROGER A. PRYOR, late of Virginia, and an Ex-General in the late rebel army, and CHARLES A. DUNHAM, (sometimes known as SANFORD CONOVER,) Counsellor-at-Law of the State of New-York. Deponent avers that about the last of July or first of August last, he met said CONOVER, who, after some conversation on the general topics of the day, asked deponent if he (deponent) did not wish to do him (said CONOVER) a great favor, and at the same time make a little money for deponent's self; that deponent signified a willingness and readiness to do so when said CONOVER explained that he had become involved in a quarrel with the Judge-Advocate-General who seemed determined to destroy him, and that he, said CONOVER, was on the other hand determined to resist and if possible destroy his said enemy. That the hostility of Judge HOLT had forced him, said CONOVER, for his own protection, to join the friends of Jeff. DAVIS who were making strenuous efforts to secure DAVIS' release, and that it was intended to further their said efforts by fastening upon Judge HOLT the charge of conspiracy to implicate DAVIS by means of bogus witnesses in the assassination of President LINCOLN, and that by this course he, CONOVER, would be enabled to punish Judge HOLT for his animosity toward him, said CONOVER. That he said CONOVER, wanted deponent to make an affidavit stating that he, said deponent, had been introduced by him, said CONOVER, to Judge HOLT, and that the latter had endeavored to induce deponent, for a considerable sum of money, to make a false deposition accusing JEFFERSON DAVIS with complicity in the assassination of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. That after further explanation and much persuasion by said CONOVER consented to make the required affidavits, and was on the same day taken to the office of the said PRYOR and introduced by him. That said PRYOR explained to deponent, as said CONOVER had previously done, that Judge HOLT had been striving by means of perjured witnesses to implicate Mr. DAVIS in the assassination of President LINCOLN, and thus to destroy his, DAVIS', life and reputation, and that the only way to frustrate the atrocious design of said HOLT, and punish him for his inhumanity was to fabricate affidavits, which with the *bona fide* and truthful evidence, they, the friends of DAVIS, could command, would satisfy the country of said HOLT's infamous conduct, and bring upon him and the Bureau of Military Justice such a measure of public condemnation as to warrant the President (who desired Mr. DAVIS' release) in setting said DAVIS at liberty. That said PRYOR also assured deponents that he, deponent, would be liberally compensated for his services, &c., and stated to deponent that he would receive down on signing and swearing to the affidavits and the sums he would afterwards receive in certain contingencies. That deponent expressed a willingness to make the affidavit required, and that it was arranged that CONOVER would call with deponent on the following day, when the documents, &c., would be ready; that deponent called with the CONOVER at the time appointed, and found the said BENJAMIN WOOD and PRYOR awaiting deponent's arrival, but the affidavits had not been prepared, the said PRYOR assigning as a reason that he had not been able to make up his mind what points it was most desirable deponent's affidavit should cover, and that therefore he wished to confer with Messrs. CONOVER and WOOD on the subject; that it was thereupon agreed that deponent should call with CONOVER again on the evening ensuing. That said WOOD remarked that deponent might like, as an earnest, a little pocket money, and gave deponent $50. That deponent then departed, leaving PRYOR, CONOVER and WOOD together; that on the following evening deponent again called as arranged, but that the affidavits had not yet been prepared, PRYOR on this occasion making various excuses for the delay, and promising that the papers should be ready two days later without fail.

Deponent further says, that during this interview CONOVER and PRYOR had a consultation in regard to some newspaper publication, and either CONOVER or PRYOR, deponent does not remember which, asked deponent to copy a letter on the back of a Quartermaster's blank order for transportation, and which letter was a day or two later published in the New-York *Herald*.

Deponent further says, that after leaving the office of said PRYOR on the last-mentioned occasion, and reflecting on what he had seen, and the conversation he had heard in and over the office between CONOVER and PRYOR, deponent became satisfied that there was mischief, which he could not fathom, on foot, and he became uneasy lest he, by doing what they required of him, should get involved in some difficulty which might end in his destruction, and deponent therefore resolved to have nothing further to do with the arrangements of said parties; and that deponent endeavored to keep out of their way; that said CONOVER, however, sought deponent and endeavored to press him to perform his promise to make said affidavits, but that deponent told said CONOVER frankly of his fears, and absolute refusal to proceed any further in said business; that deponent proposed to return to said WOOD the said fifty dollars advanced by him as aforesaid to deponent, but that CONOVER said no; that the money was of no consequence, and that all they (DAVIS' friends) would expect or ask was that deponent should, as a man of honor, remain perfectly silent as to the business in which they were engaged, and the offers they had made to him; that deponent assured said CONOVER that he, said deponent, would never utter one word in regard to the affair without his, said CONOVER's consent; that up to this time deponent has substantially kept his said promise.

JOHN MARTIN.

Sworn to before me this 17th day of May, 1867.
NORRIS K. BARKER, Notary Public,
City and County of New-York.

To the above is attached the certificate of WM. C. CONNER, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the City of New-York, that NORRIS K. BARKER is authorized to administer oaths, &c., and to this is attached the seal of said Supreme Court.

It is proper to state that the above are copies of but a few of the numerous documents of the same kind which are on file in the office of the Attorney-General, the Bureau of Military Justice and the War Department. It will be seen that these documents are mainly sworn to, while the statements in the Assistant Attorney-General's letter are merely assertions of facts. E. P. B.

MEXICO.

Probable Fate of Marquez—Foreign Representatives not Recognized—Santa Anna in Vera Cruz—He is Hopeful—Military Divisions in Mexico—Formation of the Army—Imperialist Generals and Prince Salm-Salm Condemned to Death.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Aug. 10, 1867.

The English mail steamer from Vera Cruz has brought news from the City of Mexico to the 31st ult. The statements about the capture of Gen. MARQUEZ are very conflicting, an account stating that he was in the hands of the Juarists, while a letter from Vera Cruz states positively that he was still free and on his way to TEXAS, accompanied by a select number of determined friends, who were all interested in getting out of the country. However, it will be very difficult for MARQUEZ to save himself, in view of the reward of $10,000 offered for his capture—a sum more than sufficient to betray a dozen Generals, much less a single one, who has not even the advantage of being a favorite of the masses.

It is announced that the entire diplomatic corps will leave Mexico in a body, so as to arrive in Vera Cruz on the 13th of August, and take their departure by the French steamer *Panama*. The situation of the foreign representatives has become extremely uncomfortable and embarrassing, as they are not recognized as filling any official position, and looked upon more in the light of a body of obnoxious spies than anything. No official communications have been addressed to any foreigner excepting to the Consuls of the United States, and an order is shortly expected abolishing all foreign consulates throughout the Republic, all the foreign Consuls having been placed under the vigilance of the Police, like criminals.

SANTA ANNA arrived from Campeche on the 30th ult. at Vera Cruz, but it is not known yet whether he will be tried in Vera Cruz or in the City of Mexico on the charge of treason. From all accounts the old fox was in very good humor and excellent spirits, expressing no fear for the future, and acts as if he expected to be President soon. Some assurance of a change in his position must have been given him, as the change between his actions and disposition in Campeche and Vera Cruz is too great not to be considered remarkable.

Mexico is now divided into five grand military districts, commanded by Gens. Nicolas Regules, Porfirio Diaz, Mariano Escobedo, Ramon Corona and Juan Alvarez. A decree by JUAREZ in connection with this division, abolishes all existing laws which were issued on account of the war. The present military commanders will exercise, besides their regular functions, those of Civil Governors of the different States, the same as if they were under martial law, in the meanwhile establishing order, and subject to the orders of the Ministers, while the above-mentioned Generals of Division only will have control over their troops. The army will be composed of about 18,000 men, each division being composed of two brigades of infantry, one of cavalry, three minimum batteries of artillery, with the necessary force of engineers, medical and other staffs.

Many newspapers are writing in favor of the discontinuance of martial law, as there is no longer any necessity for severe measures.

On the 16th the Imperial Gens. Casanova, Escobar, Ramirez, Valdés, Moret, Reyes, Herrera y Lozada Calvo, Miguel, Lüzaga Montenegro, the Prince of Salm-Salm and others, were condemned to death. Gen. ESCOBEDO left the City of Mexico on the 26th for Queretaro, and it is supposed that he will there in conjunction with the execution of the condemned Generals, as the best informed man in the human butchering business.

MAXIMILIAN'S library has been purchased by Padre FISHER, and a servant of the late Emperor has forwarded it to the Europe.

An agent of various New-York capitalists had arrived in the City of Mexico, with the intention of establishing a new bank.

The Government is in favor of the measure and the Minister of Finance has expressed his intention of making the

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AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

Handsome Royalty in Paris—New Work on the American War—An Illustrated Life of Lincoln—A Spicy Article on Americans.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, July 30, 1867.

We have now at Paris two handsome young Kings, the King of Bavaria, so handsome that all the girls in his kingdom have their heads turned about him, and the King of Portugal, who is married to the second daughter of the King of Italy. The first could not stay long, for his uncle, the ex-King OTHO of Greece, has just died, and he had to leave to go into mourning. The sovereigns of Europe have got so linked up by intermarriages that half their time is spent in wearing official crape.

The health of Paris remains excellent, and as the weather is cool, the river high, and the crowd not great, we have every reason to expect a continuance of the present low bill of mortality. We shall have a crowd for the great national *fête* of the 15th of this month, and an increase in September and October to see the Exhibition before its close, but the great rush, such as we shall never see again, was in June, during the visit of the Czar and the King of Prussia.

Dr. EVANS, the exhibitor at the Exhibition of the American Sanitary Commission collection, has added a new title to the gratitude of his countrymen by the publication of a second work on Sanitary Commissions, entitled "Sanitary Institutions during the Austro-Prussian-Italian Conflict, followed by an Essay on Ambulance Wagons, and a catalogue of the American Sanitary Collection of the author. By Dr. THOS. W. EVANS, Officer of the Legion of Honor, member of several learned Societies, author of the Sanitary Commission of the United States." The book is in French, contains 200 pages, and is published by VICTOR MASSON & Co. In it the author takes care to precede what he has to say on the German and Italian sanitary efforts, with a recapitulation of the labors of the American Commission, and the statement that to America is due the priority in this magnificent work. The International Sanitary Convention of Geneva, Switzerland, was provoked by the sufferings of Solferino, and was made practicable and possible by the experience furnished by the American war. Even in that Convention there were men of position who opposed the proposition of neutralization and aid on the battle-field as an illusion and an impracticable thing. But the measure was adopted, and Dr. EVANS shows how easy it was, when practical and earnest men and women set about it, to render services such as European battle-fields had heretofore been a stranger to. In the preface to his book Dr. EVANS pays a just compliment to the women of America for their noble initiative in this glorious work, and then also to the Empress of France and the Queen of Prussia, the first for her charities at home, the second for being foremost in pushing on the organization of the Sanitary Commission of her country in last Summer's war.

It is the place here to say that the exceptional prize given to Dr. EVANS at the Paris Exhibition for the United States sanitary collection, has not to my knowledge been found fault with by anybody. This collection has been one of the "lions" of the Exhibition, and every competent critic has declared the articles there exhibited as superior to those of any other country. An impetus has thus been given to this benevolent work, which is already showing its good results in the manufacture by all the European nations, not only of ambulances and other appliances for relief on our system, but also on a larger scale than heretofore. The American Sanitary Commission exhibition will therefore stand as a landmark in the history of the world's great charities. One cannot praise too much the zeal displayed by Dr. EVANS in this good work.

Speaking of the American war reminds me that I see in the bookstore windows a work fresh from the press entitled: *The Civil War in America*, by Messrs. CORTAMBERT and THANALTOS, in two volumes. The frontispiece of the first volume is composed of the portraits of LINCOLN, JOHNSON, SEWARD, GRANT, SHERMAN and MCCLELLAN, and the frontispiece of the second volume, of portraits of DAVIS, LEE, BEAUREGARD, LONGSTREET and Stonewall JACKSON. I do not know the authors of the book, or whether they are realizing any sale or not.

A brilliant reception was given on Monday night of last week to Admiral FARRAGUT, his lady, and the officers of the fleet at Cherbourg, by Gen. DIX. A large number of well-known gentlemen from home, Senators, Representatives and diplomats, were present, beside Frenchmen of distinction. The Admiral, if he had had the inclination or the time, would have readily become the lion of the town; dinner invitations came in upon him like an avalanche from all quarters, and among the rest from the Tuileries; but the Admiral had pressing business with his ship at St. Petersburgh. What is this pressing business? Ah! that is the question every Frenchman is asking himself—and so he had to hurry away after ten days' stay. This constant communication of distinguished men between Washington and St. Petersburgh is not at all to the taste of the French, and leads to all sorts of commentaries. But the Admiral is coming back to Paris. He will then see the Emperor and may be able to satisfy his Majesty that he did not go to Russia to make a treaty of alliance, or any other sort of treaty hostile to France.

We have had, simultaneously with the visit of the Admiral, the annual advent of the Annapolis Naval School, so that, with Commodore GOLDSBOROUGH's fleet, the Admiral's and the Naval School, Paris has been overrun with our naval uniform.

A fortnight ago the French papers announced that a grand *fete* had just been given by the American Consul in this city, in honor of the laying of the corner-stone of a new American Protestant Church in the Avenue Friedland, with full details. The Americans, of course, knew this to be erroneous and paid no attention to it; they had, in fact, forgotten it, when the New-York papers arrived this week containing the same news, which was sent by telegraph, and accompanied with editorials! The facts are these: Fireworks had been prepared for the Fourth of July celebration, and as this did not take place on account of MAXIMILIAN's execution, the fireworks remained on the hands of the Committee, and had to be used in some way or other. So Mr. TUCKER, the banker, who had been principal manager of the *fête*, and who had the fireworks in his possession, concluded to pay for them and to use them for his own amusement and that of his friends. He, therefore, begged permission of the police to fire them off in an open lot, opposite his house, where the foundations of a French Protestant Church have just been laid; he invited his friends to come and see the sight, and Com. STEDMAN, of the *Colorado*, and Mr. PRINGLE, of New-Orleans, who live in the same house, did the same. The American flag was hung out, the windows of the house were crowded, and altogether it was easy to understand how a journalist passing along that way would come to the conclusion "that the American Consul was giving a banquet and celebration in honor of the laying of the foundation stone of an American Protestant Church," especially as the last piece of fireworks was architectural, and represented the capital at Washington crowned with the word "Union." The sight collected together so many people that the circulation in all the neighborhood was interrupted, and yet, with the exception of the people in the house, no one knew what it all meant. Moreover, as such privileges are not granted to Frenchmen, in Paris, many went away grumbling at the indulgence shown to foreigners. If the Atlantic Cable should never tell a more damaging story than that, however, its conscience may sleep easy. We only wonder at your liberality in entertaining the cable in such freaks.

A workman, by the name of AUZIAS, has been publishing, in numbers, for some months, a beautifully illustrated Life of LINCOLN, the workman's friend, to which other workmen, printers and engravers, have lent a hand. When the work is now nearly terminated M. AUZIAS finds his friends exhausted, and he has just made an appeal to the public, by which he means the public of the workshops, to come forward and aid him to accomplish his great undertaking. The appeal will be heard, for the name of Mr. LINCOLN has fixed itself in the hearts of the great working classes as a rallying name for good deeds, and any call made in his name will be responded to with alacrity.

We have had two weddings this week in families well known at home. The first was a daughter of Mr. LYCURGUS EDGERTON, of New-York, Miss CLARA EDGERTON, to Col. BOCHER, of the Third French ZOUAVES; the other, Miss ISABELLE GRENFELL, to Dr. ALEXANDER MCDONNELL, of Dublin. The father of Miss GRENFELL is the Confederate Colonel who was concerned in the conspiracy to liberate the prisoners at Camp Douglas.

I cannot resist the temptation of sending you the following article on Americans, copied from the *Vie Parisienne*, a well-written and spicy weekly paper of this city, which goes exclusively—if we judge only by the price, which is sixty centimes the copy—into the fashionable world. The article is absolutely curious in the extent of its errors and defamations, but also not without value for the truthfulness of a certain vein of criticism which runs through it. The article is entitled "The American World," and reads thus:

"What most strikes the stranger at New-York is the nomadic character of its inhabitants, even of the most rich; their style of living indicates the temporary. The home is a stranger to them; it seems as if society with them had not had time to constitute itself. Thus, when a lady wishes to give a *soirée* or a dinner, her parlor and dining-room not being adequate for a reception, she is obliged to go to the nearest hotel to seek the necessary accommodations. Is not this primitive enough? Imagine our fashionable Paris ladies inviting their friends to the *Salon de cent couverts, pour noces et festins, aux Amis réunis*. We see that there is an ocean between the two civilizations—and we only say two to be polite. Moreover there are no domestics at New-York; what they have are simple *valets de place*, who are always discharged at the end of a week. Brother Jonathan has already too heavy a load to carry for me to add another stone to the pile. He puts his foot a little everywhere, as every one knows; by force of rudeness he renders the life of every Frenchman who goes to his country on business (no one would go for anything else) perfectly odious. This is all so well known that we shall drop the American man and take up the American woman.

One can hardly believe how much these fierce republicans of the United States are aristocrats, in their tendencies at least. Jonathan dreams of but one thing—to have a titled man for a son-in-law. A title is also the subject of the dreams of the young American girls. Marriage negotiations are, among this people, stamped with a mercantilism of the most barefaced kind. They stick the market price straight at you. 'My daughter has a million, and she will only accept the hand of a man who will open for her the Faubourg St. Germain.'

If, therefore, as we are assured, the boats of this year are going to bring over thirty thousand young American girls in search of husbands, there will be no possible pretext for a titled man to remain poor; or at least this category of society will become so rare as to finish by being sought after. Struck with this circumstance I had already thought of a section in the Universal Exhibition for young men who would gain by being known, but the time is wanting for developing the idea. In any case, says an objector, you will only have at Paris the refuse of the young ladies in the market. But I may ask, do you know of what this refuse consists? Of the healthiest, the most flourishing, the handsomest portion of the New World. Yes, the Yankee, with broad and round shoulders and patibulary extremities; the Yankee, who carries on his chin a goatee without moustache—the ornament of our pork-sellers and porters—the Yankee likes only the poetical, ethereal woman—a little consumption does not frighten him—he seems not to care to contract an engagement with any one who promises to last very long. In this view Miss ADAH MENKEN is a rapture of love in the American estimation. Too much health. We see, therefore, the result of this proscription in mass of the handsomest girls of the nation, the hatred of their countrymen, and the leaning toward foreigners. I tell you it is going to be a regular avalanche.

There is going on at this moment a prodigious exchange of letters between the two Continents. A great many Parisians, admitted into American society at Paris, have been put into epistolary relations with widows at New York who desire to marry again, but who are retained on the other shore *by circumstances*; they console themselves by exchanging mutual and Transatlantic sympathies. The most anxious have recourse to the electric cable. Love, marriage, quick!

The American women are in general better educated than French women. As for their beauty we have enough specimens at Paris to be edified on that point. But one of their characteristic defects is a very pronounced personal sentiment, which pierces through the, in appearance, best founded conjugal situations. The wife always speaks of the fortune of the family as her fortune. An American woman believes readily that one and one make two, but not that two make one. She would submit herself more readily to the dogma of the Trinity. She lives almost always separated in goods from her husband, in thought, at least. This concession made to a national prejudice, it appears that one may live as happily with a *Newyorkaise* as with another woman.

At the last reception of the representative of the United States at Paris a Frenchman, who neither shines by his beauty nor anything else than a high-sounding name, met with a tremendous success. For this reason alone he was asked if he did not desire to be presented to Miss X. He did not care about it. He was pressed; that handsome *blonde* over there, to the left, was *dying* to make his acquaintance. At last he consented—with indifference, and he found himself monopolized for the rest of the evening.

And now that you have been made acquainted with American manners, put yourself, dear reader, under arms, and get yourself presented in a house like that, for example, of Gen. X., and all you will have to do is to choose. 'But,' you will say, 'I have not the least bit of a title!' Oh! how green you are! for the time we live in.

In conclusion, I hardly dare to speak of a certain trait of American manners, it is so delicate, but I am going to risk it. It appears that there is a house at New-York, tolerated by the Government, where they satisfy the wishes of married ladies who do not care for the joys of maternity; a lady in making her morning calls tells her friends that on a certain day she had been to the house in question with as much indifference as if it had been a work of charity. Young ladies are also taken into this house to board who—but I stop, and for a good cause. When one reflects that an act which carries the people who commit it so far away from France, appears quite natural in America, he cannot but have a strange opinion of universal morality!" MALAKOFF.

MEXICO.

Reception of Juarez at the Capital—His Address—Reported Assassination of Lopez—The Escape of Marquez and Quiroga.

The Matamoras *Observador* gives an account of the entry of JUAREZ into the capital. The people were so wild with excitement that they attempted to take the horses of JUAREZ's carriage and draw the vehicle through the city by hand. The dignified President would not permit this. He said it would be unbecoming an Aztec son to permit it; besides, he said he was only one of the people.

The following is the address to the people:

MEXICANS: The National Government returns today to establish its residence in the City of Mexico, which it left four years ago. It carried with it then the resolution never to abandon a compliance with its duties.

I went with sure confidence that the Mexican people would wrestle without ceasing against the iniquitous foreign invasion, in the defence of their rights and their liberties.

The Government went away to sustain the national flag, for whatever time it would be necessary to obtain the triumph of the cause of independence and the institutions of the republic.

I have reached it. The good sons of Mexico, fighting alone, without the assistance of any, without means, without the necessary elements of war, they have shed their blood with sublime patroism, breasting all sacrifices, before they would suffer the loss of the Republic and liberty.

The triumph of the country, which has been the object of their noble aspirations, will be always their greatest title to glory and greatest premium to their heroic labors.

Full of confidence in them, the Government has endeavored to comply with its duties, without ever conceiving a single thought that it might be lawful to undermine any of the rights of the nation. The Government has complied with the first of its duties without compromising in the exterior or interior in any way the independence or sovereignty of the Republic, the integrity of its territory, or the proper respect of the Constitution and the laws. Its enemies had attempted to establish another Government and other laws without being able to consummate their criminal intentions.

After four years, the Government returns to the City of Mexico with the flag of the Constitution, and with the same laws, without having for one moment abandoned the national territory.

The Government did not wish or desire, and less ought she, in the hour of her complete triumph, let herself be inspired by any thought of passion against those who have combatted against her.

Her duty has been and is balanced by the exigencies of justice, with all the considerations of benignity. The temperance of his conduct in all the places where he has resided, has demonstrated his desire of moderating in what is possible the rigors of justice, conciliating indulgence with the duty of applying the laws in what is indispensable to establish peace and the future of the nation.

Mexicans, let all our work be directed to obtain and consolidate the benefits of peace. Under her auspices it will be efficacious in the protection of the laws and the authorities for the rights of all the inhabitants of the Republic.

The Government and the people respect always the rights of all. Between individuals, as between nations, the respect of another's right is peace.

We trust that all Mexicans, with the lessons they have received by the prolonged and sorrowful experience of the calamities of the war, will cooperate to the advancement and well-being, and to the prosperity of the nation, which can only be obtained by an inviolable respect for the laws, and obedience to the authorities elected by the people.

In our free institutions, the Mexican people are their own arbiters, with the only object of sustaining the cause of the people during the war while they could not elect these authorities. I ought to conform with the spirit of the Constitution and preserve the power that has been conferred on me. The war being terminated my duty is to convoke immediately the people without any illegitimate influence, to elect with absolute liberty any person to whom they wish to confide their destinies.

Mexicans, we have reached to-day the greatest good we could desire, seeing consummated the second time the independence of our country. We will all cooperate so as to leave the inheritance to our children, on the road to prosperity, loving and sustaining always our independence and our liberty.

BENITO JUAREZ.

MEXICO, July 15, 1867.

The *Ranchero* says: The day on which Gov. VIDAURI was dragged from his hiding-place in the City of Mexico, for execution, MARQUEZ and QUIROGA, secreted near by VIDAURI, crept from their hiding-place. They procured horses and essayed to leave. Upon encountering the guard at the *garita* they were halted, and offered the sentinel a purse of gold to let them pass. The soldier said he would call up the officer of the day and see what he would say to the offer. While the sentinel went to call up the officer, who was taking his noonday *siesta*, MARQUEZ and QUIROGA made a charge with pistol in hand, and succeeded in fighting their way through. One report says they shot four soldiers down before making their escape. However this may be, there is no doubt that they are at large.

A correspondent of the *Ranchero* writes as follows: "I arrived here to-day and learned the startling news, the assassination of the traitor LOPEZ. The particulars of the assassination are as follows: LOPEZ was stopping at a hotel in Puebla, where his wife spurned him from her presence. Early one morning a Mexican arrived and familiarized himself with an ostler in a livery stable adjoining the hotel. Gen. MIGUEL LOPEZ was inquired for, but not being in the stranger was told that the General would be at dinner. Before the dinner hour LOPEZ returned and was pointed out to the stranger, who made special note of his man. When dinner was called LOPEZ and his assassin occupied opposite seats at the table. After some minutes, during which time the stranger called for and drank a glass of wine, he deliberately rose, drew a concealed knife and sprang upon LOPEZ, and stabbed him nine times. The stranger then took his hat, and as he started to leave, said: 'This is the way all traitors should be paid.' No one interfered to prevent the assassin from leaving. Thus was the blood of MAXIMILLIAN, MIRAMON, MEJIA, yes, and thousands of others, avenged. This report is regarded here as authentic."

The Rio Grande *Courier* of the 28th ult., says: "A prominent merchant of Matamoras was yesterday notified by the authorities to appear at a certain place in the city for the purpose of registering his name. Once there he was asked his nationality, and responded that he was a British subject. He was then informed that he must consider himself a Mexican, and subject to all the liabilities of native citizens; that only Americans are to be treated as foreigners."

MOUNT DESERT.

A Night's Experience on Salt Timber—Along the Coast of Maine—Sea-Shore Resorts—Shoddy vs. Herring—How New-Yorkers Enjoy Themselves—Something About the Immense Blueberry Plains of Eastern Maine.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR, MOUNT DESERT, Friday, Aug. 9, 1867.

I was weather-bound in the beautiful City of Portland, last week, by a storm that swept along the eastern coast for two days, as severe as that of the Autumnal Equinox, although it was in the midst of the "dog-day" season. But I was comfortable on board the good steamer *City of Richmond*, bound for Mount Desert, Machias and intermediate ports, and with other passengers, a lively party made up of pleasure seekers from Boston, New-York and Washington, longed for the disappearance of the leaden sky, for a gentle wind, and for sunbeams struggling through breaking clouds. At midnight, however, the paddle-wheels of the steamer began to revolve, and the regular strokes of the engine assured me that the storm was over. Having the utmost confidence in our pilot, I turned in, not to sleep and experience pleasant dreams, alas, but to undergo internal troubles more severe than any that ever exacerbated poor MAXIMILIAN. In short, I was sea-sick—and, oh, how sick! I had serious fears that death would overtake me, followed by fears that I would starve. That person does not live who can express the peculiar sensations of a person who is sea-sick, and therefore, I shall not attempt it. But commend me to a fresh-water dish for meagre days. Seaweed stewed with chalk is miserable stuff. Our good steamer rolled and plunged, and heaved and pitched, and the universal prayer was, "Oh, that my legs were on my body again, and that body on *terra firma!*" None of the passengers were exempt from the rough usage of yesty old ocean. The fair owner of seven huge trunks, bound for Mount Desert, at one time imagined herself a dying mermaid in the surf of Newport, and two young ladies who, in the afternoon, had plumed themselves on a knowledge of French, were so humiliated as to talk broken English over broken crockery. The obese banker, too, who had left his debits and credits at home, intent on an honest separation from business, to worship at the altars where the "floral apostles in dewy splendor weep without woe, ane blush without a crime," and to escape a bewilderment of silks, paste diamonds and painted faces, did not care a straw about the gold market or Government securities, so indifferent was he to the "situation." Sea-sickness is an admirable leveller.

Early the next morning Rockland was reached, a considerable town which serves as a sort of half way stopping place on the water route between Boston and Bangor. Here we were detained several hours. The time of the passengers was occupied in witnessing a party of men repairing an old ship, and in watching two boys fishing. The men did their work well, but the urchins caught nothing. At noon the *City of Richmond* was on her way again, dodging through the innumerable islands that dot the singularly indented coast of Maine. In clear weather the vision does not become wearied while passing the quiet beauty of towering rocks, high hills and mountains hooded in vapor. The ever changing view presented to the traveler has a charm about it not belonging to mountain retreats and fashionable watering places, where people generally yawn and become magnificently stupid. On this particular day, however, instead of magnificent piles of cumulus clouds being painted by the declining sun, there were mist squadrons, the result of the storm. As we neared Southwest Harbor, the fog came rolling in from sea like smoke from a conflagration, and by the time the steamer had reached her wharf, we found ourselves enveloped in the thick, moist vapor. There we slumbered until the next morning, when we proceeded on our journey, and it was not many hours before I found myself snugly situated in this delightful retreat, where all the luxuries of a first-class watering-place can be indulged in, in a democratic sort of way, at farmhouse prices

To the seeker after a change of air, scenery, comfort and health, Maine has a number of delightful places, prominent among which is Mount Desert. Gouldsboro, Millbridge, Steuben, Sullivan and other points, though perhaps less noted, are equally desirable as places of Summer boarding. The travel down East, during the past three years, indicates that many of the old-time haunts are being exchanged for the quiet of the seashore. Here there is an absence of shoddy and petroleum, painful gustatory exercises and fussing and fuming, ennui, uneasiness and disgust, and that false life which kills or demoralises. One here is not obliged to get on stilts or to barter away true gold for tinsel, between breakfast and supper, in the effort to recuperate the system. With sunset, rocks and woods, the chime of the tide on silver sands, tall pines silent as a cathedral, and trembling spray, sky and ocean sparkle, and, picnicing on ocean rocks, and bathing, riding and boating, coupled with an absence of the frivolities of fashionable Summer resorts, the pleasure and comfort here may be compared to the superiority of soured, still Rhine wine to frothy champagne. Pleasure-seekers who have a horror of exorbitant prices, diminutive pieces of beef-steak and bakers' bread, can here obtain the best of board at $1 a day, which not unfrequently includes boating and riding. A majority of the visitors along the coast, in the vicinity of Mount Desert especially, are from New-York City. Many of them come in June and remain until assured by telegrams that flannels and stoves are really needed at home for comfort. Those people abroad who have an idea that herring is the specialty of these retreats, have only to come down here a season to be disabused of that hallucination. If SYDNEY SMITH were in the flesh, I believe he would pitch his tent alongshore here somewhere, and write up the country as a genuine Abana or Pharpar, its fogs to the contrary notwithstanding.

Having occasion to tarry in the village of Milbridge a few days, I ventured out into the country for observation. An impetus was given to this place of 2,800 inhabitants by a party of New-Yorkers, who erected large saw-mills and made other improvements, but adverse circumstances spoiled all their plans, and the town is now satisfied to jog along in the old ruts. About the same time JEFFERSON DAVIS, with other members of Prof. BACHE's United States Coast Survey, encamped near the place, while prosecuting his labors. Mr. DAVIS at that time received marked attention at the hands of the early settlers here, not only on account of his distinguished ability as an engineer, but as a gentleman. As in all the seaport towns of the country, the shipbuilding interests are terribly depressed. But a single vessel here is on the stocks. Instead of one vessel building, there should be twenty. Honest mechanics growl and declare there is something wrong in the system of protection to American labor in this particular branch. As the result, men lie idle, but hope Congress next Winter will afford shipbuilders relief. Lounging in the Post-office, looking as lazy and listless as if I were a citizen of the place, my attention was directed to the large amount of blueberries brought into town. On inquiry into the subject I learned the following facts, which are interesting:

The "Barrens," or Blueberry Plains of Maine, now become famous, are in the County of Washington, and lie between the Narraguagus and Machias Rivers. The territory embraced by them is immense, being about 225 square miles, and embracing tracts of land in the towns of Cherryfield, Beddington, Columbia, Deblois, Township No. 18 and part of Township No. 19. Nowhere in the United States do blueberries grow so spontaneous of so plenty as here. The "Barrens," so-called on account of the very poor quality of the soil, is broken by high hills, running streams of water, beautiful lakes and embryo forests; but the general character of the country for 25 miles is level. The country being unfit for farming it is sparsely settled, and that by a shiftless or aimless people, who manage to just keep body and soul together. The town of Cherryfield, however, on the western edge, and situated on the banks of the Narraguagus River, is a place of some pretensions. It plumes itself on its enterprise in the lumbering business, and is really the only green spot in the "blue" section of Down East. The united population of the "Barrens" is about sixteen hundred. Cherryfield has a population of about eighteen hundred. Give me, then, the "Blueberry Plains" of Maine for a location in which to become isolated. No better spot was ever invented in which to study the solitude of nature or to lapse into a state of perfect ignorance of men and things. It is at this time of the year that the fruit of the "Barrens" is collected. Twenty years ago nobody thought of picking blueberries on this immense tract, only for home consumption, by those living in the immediate vicinity. Now tens of thousands of bushels are collected for export. The yield, year after year, is wonderful — instead of decreasing it increases. Men of capital are engaged in the business, and many a snug fortune has been realized from the product of these plains. The first appearance of the fruit is the signal for a general pilgrimage of "pickers" from the surrounding towns. With the close of haying, many of the denizens of the surrounding towns turn out *en masse*, armed with barrels, baskets, tin-pans, tubs and what not, and laying in a store of provisions, the "old hoss" is made to lift his iron in the direction of the promised land. Not only do persons go singly, but large parties are formed, taking along tents and cooking utensils, and camping out during the berry harvest. Whole families are thus engaged in gathering the fruit, which is so plenty that whole acres are literally blue with it. People sometimes come twenty and twenty-five miles distant to not only secure their share of the spoils, but to have a general good time. Business and pleasure are thus happily blended, and after the work is over, the science of figures is employed in estimating how many green backs will be realized from a given number of bushels of the sky-colored fruit. The number of "pickers" is, of course, very large, but being distributed over such a large tract of country, it appears insignificant to the vision. But in those spots where the fruit has only to be "scraped in," the pickers do most congregate. Some portions of the "barrens" during the picking season present a unique and active appearance. Whole families sheltered beneath substantial tents of canvas; the collection of vehicles of every imaginable description, gathered from every section of the country; the curling smoke of the camp-fires, and the buzz of voices of both sexes, only interrupted by the happy laughter and shouting of children, whose little digits, too, are required to pluck the corymbiferous fruit to fill the already flowing measure, are all suggestive of a camp-meeting, while the liquid music of the numerous streams chimes in to lend peculiar charm to the work of the laborers. The quantity of fruit gathered per day by a single picker is surprising. An expert can show from fifty to sixty quarts as the result of his or her day's work. Forty quarts is an average day's work. A family of four or five persons have been known to gather eight bushels in a single day, yielding $10 in money. Many of the frequenters of the "barrens" pick berries for money, being employed by storekeepers in the "village" for that purpose. At the rate of five or six cents per quart a good sum is realized during the season, whether it be in "store-pay" or otherwise. To the shiftless or aimless settler on these barren plains, who in the Winter spends his time in hunting and the balance of the year in lounging or whittling, the blueberry crop is providential. It is the medium by which he is enabled to lay in a stock of corn, pork and molasses for the entire year. His family pick, pick, pick until picking there can be no longer, and readily turning his barrels of fruit into the necessities of life, he renders thanks for the abundant crop and hopes next year will not fail him. If it should fail, how dire the disaster that would befal him! And if everybody in the country roundabout is not without blueberry wine or blueberry canned, the fault is theirs. To be sure, sugar costs 16 or 18 cents a pound, but as berries here are worth next to nothing, everybody can afford to indulge in the saccharine accompaniment. The blueberry crop of the "barrens," as already intimated, gives employment to hundreds of people. The revenue derived from this source is very large, almost incredible. The number of bushels picked last year for export use is variously estimated at from eighty thousand to one hundred thousand bushels, and the income derived not less than $50,000. The professional picker can make better wages than at farming, for in this section of the State it is safe to say that not more than one farmer in ten is enabled to raise anything over and above what is necessary for home consumption—and often not even that. The fruit, as fast as it is gathered in large quantities, is either immediately sent to the nearest steamboat landings to be shipped east, or taken to factories where it is canned, and then consigned to large dealers in sealed fruits. The crop this year is equal to if not larger than that last year. Most of the fruit is shipped from Machias, Jonesport, Millbridge and other places to Bangor, that being the best market in the State for blueberries. From thence it is shipped to Portland and Boston, where it commands from 15 to 22 cents per quart. The principal canning factories are at Millbridge, Sullivan and Gouldsboro'. The one at Millbridge is the most extensive. Over 6,000 bushels were canned there last August and September. The fruit is purchased at the factories at about six cents per quart, and is put into cans holding one and two pounds each. These factories give employment to a large number of persons, of both sexes, who not only can blueberries but lobster. Thus have the "barrens," or blueberry plains of this sterile section of Maine become a source of trade and profit. The owners of this vast tract of fruit land, of which there are quite a number, have as yet entered no objection to the general onslaught that is made annually upon them, though it is opined that some of them will soon demand "toll," like the millers. In such a case there would be a "rebellion" on a small scale.

Returning to Southwest Harbor, I found the hotels and boarding-houses full. The travel here is now fairly commenced. The gloom cast over the place, occasioned by the sad drowning of seven persons a few weeks since, is still felt. None of the bodies have yet been found, and it is probable that they were carried by the undercurrent to about fifty miles eastward, and have since risen to the surface, to float seaward. In my next I will write about Mount Desert. L.

Gen. GRIFFIN has appointed Major RAYMOND H. BERRY, formerly connected with the detective force in Gen. SHERIDAN's military department, Chief of Police of Galveston, Texas.

THE INDIAN TERRITORIES.

The New Cherokee Chief—The Cholera Among the Indians—Rumors of Hostile Demonstrations.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 1867.

The election for Chief of the Cherokee Nation, which occurred yesterday, resulted in the complete discomfiture of the present incumbent, WM. P. ROSS, and in the election of LEWIS DOWNING as Chief for the coming four years. This breaks the backbone of the Ross family, and hereafter they will exert no greater influence in this Cherokee Nation than any other private citizen. Heretofore the Nation seems to have been run by them for their own exclusive, selfish purposes. All they seemed to care for the Cherokees was to keep them blinded and backward, so that they could enrich themselves from their ignorance and backwardness.

Mr. DOWNING, the new Chief, will favor a more liberal *régime*. It is believed that he will endeavor to bring about the sectionising of this lovely country, and thus enable outsiders to come in and build up towns and cities and cultivate fine farms.

The cholera, which has been raging here considerably, frightening nearly all of the permanent citizens, and many of the Government employes nearly out of their wits, has for the present entirely disappeared. Since the last day of July there has not been a death from it, nor even a case of sickness of a choleraic nature. In the early part of last week, and the last of the week before, they began to die off at the rate of four or five a day, which, at a post like this, composed of less than 1,000 souls, is a very large proportion.

For several days, however, the weather has been cooler and the air more invigorating, and the only sickness we have here now is of the nature of fevers of one kind or another. Maj. KIMBALL, Chief Quartermaster of this Territory, has had the post and town thoroughly policed and renovated, and but for this I have no doubt the fell destroyer would have remained longer with us. Perhaps it may not be advisable to begin to "holler" just yet, as it is possible that we may not be out of the woods. Still everybody feels more hopeful, and there is a sanguine hope and conviction that the cholera has "gone for good."

Dr. E. H. CONGDON, Acting Assistant Surgeon United States Army, who has for some months been stationed up in the Dakotah Territory, has recently arrived here from Fort Leavenworth, whence he was ordered to this post, and is prepared for duty should another emergency arise. Dr. J. H. COLLINS, Acting Assistant Surgeon United States Army, has also arrived, and is assisting Dr. HUBBARD, Surgeon of the post. Dr. CHARLES H. CRAVY, of Malone, New-York, is also expected here daily, to attend to the employes of Quartermaster KIMBALL. With all of this additional medical force we feel as though it will not be from a lack of doctors if the cholera breaks loose and runs riot again. It is, therefore, a source of great relief to the community that they are all to be here. We feel confident that one stands in no more danger here now from sickness than he would in almost any part of the South at this time of the year. One is liable to bilious fever and chills and fever during the months of August and September almost anywhere South. The few cases of fevers that we are having now, since the cholera has disappeared, are generally light.

From recent accounts I am led to believe, too, that the cholera is also disappearing from Fort Arbuckle, which is about 180 or 200 miles a little south of west from here, and is the second post in the Territory. For a few days it prevailed there alarmingly. A letter from there dated the 21st ult., said that the two companies of the Sixth United States Infantry, which had been ordered to that post, were quarantined seven miles from the fort, the cholera having made its appearance among the men about forty miles from there. Sixteen enlisted men, one laundress and five civilian teamsters had died since the 14th of July, and there were fifteen men in the hospital, besides those being treated in quarters. Everybody was greatly demoralized, and desertions were numerous. Capt. J. B. RIFE, of the Sixth, and commander of the post, was very ill, but his disease was remittent fever. Since then I have learned that his wife, an accomplished lady, has departed this life, probably from being worn out in her attentions to him during his sickness, as I learn that she did not die of cholera. Up to the 21st ult. there had been forty-seven deaths among the troops and trains near and at Arbuckle. The epidemic was abating, however.

There are rumors prevailing here now of hostile demonstrations being made to the far west of us by the Kiowas. Probably you get these earlier than we do, as the demonstrations are said to be threatened in the direction of Santa Fe, and the great route from the Northwest to that place.

Capt. ROBINSON, Tenth Cavalry, (colored,) has recently arrived here with his company, all mounted; and I hear it rumored that the entire regiment will be down this way before many months, to take a trip to the western borders of the Territory, and be ready for the Kiowas should they venture too far South. Brevet Major-Gen. GRIERSON is in command.

Two or three nights ago some of the men of Capt. ROBINSON's company shot and killed a vagabond who was attempting to steal their horses. A discharge paper found upon his person shows him to have formerly been in the rebel army, and afterward to have entered a regiment composed of rebel prisoners. It described him as JOHN W. LUNSFORD, born in Johnson County, Tenn., and a private in Company K, Second United States Infantry Volunteers, Capt. CARTER BUKLEY's company. He was mustered out at Leavenworth, Kansas, and discharged Nov. 7, 1865. He has been decently interred, notwithstanding he is believed to have been an unhung scoundrel.

A week ago last Friday morning, the body of a murdered man was found a few miles from Tahlequah, the capital of this Nation; and it is thought by some that LUNSFORD was either his murderer, or was one of the gang who killed him. There is nothing to enable one to definitely establish the name of the one who was murdered, but it is believed to have been a person named JOHN WASMER, a painter, recently employed by Quartermaster KIMBALL, at Fort Gibson. WASMER was discharged about that time, and started for St. Louis, where he lived, and the papers found upon his person seem to make it pretty certain that he was the victim. He had a Quartermaster's voucher for $40 upon his person when found, but no money whatever. Some citizens of Tahlequah had him properly interred.

Major TOMPKINS, formerly of Gen. SCHOFIELD's staff, and a Mr. LORD, of Chicago, with other parties, have recently arrived here for the purpose of surveying the proper line between the Creek and Seminole Territory, and it is said that they ultimately design running a new or more correct line between the Territory and Arkansas and Kansas, a Territorial Government being contemplated in connection with it, by certain powers that be. They are also to take a census of the Cherokee Nation.

The grass is splendid here in the Territory this season. A finer grazing country is not to be found. Nutritious grass and pure water is the secret of thousands of cattle and sheep that are constantly being driven through this region toward the North, there to find a market. If ever this Territory is opened up to immigration, Northern stock-raisers will find this their Paradise. All we want is the completion to Fort Gibson, of the two railroads that are now in progress, and which are to converge here—one from Memphis, and the other from Kansas City, Mo.

SELDOM.

The Little Raft Nonpareil.

A private letter from Southampton, just received, thus speaks of the gallant little raft *Nonpareil*:

"When the little American life-saving raft *Nonpareil* first made her appearance off this port I was fortunate enough to board her and have a very pleasant conversation with her gallant commander, Capt. MIKES. We shortly afterward arrived up to port in gallant style with all colors flying. After remaining here three days the raft was so beset with people coming from all quarters to visit her and hold confabs with Capt. MIKES and der crew, that I proposed that he should take her to Cowes, where he would be able to see all the great 'swells,' aquatic and otherwise, who would be there to take part in and witness the regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron. The Captain agreed to the proposition, but informed me, at the same time, that he could not get along without me, so I had to turn pilot for the time being and pilot the little vessel to Cowes. We had a grand time there. Capt. MIKES and his crew were invited on board the royal yacht, and Mr. WEBSTER, a great lifeboat builder of Cowes, introduced them to the members of the Royal Yacht Squadron at their clubhouse, where they met with any number of the *élite* of England, and were most kindly and cordially received. Mr. WEBSTER towed the tiny little raft around the royal yachts, and all about the harbor of Cowes, which was alive with sailing vessels gaily decked, of all descriptions, with his steam launch. It need not be said that Capt. MIKES is a great lion at Cowes, and the observed of all observers. The Queen will no doubt come down to inspect the *Nonpareil*, as she has intimated that she intended doing so. Thousands of people come to see the gallant little craft and all express the greatest wonder how she ever managed to cross the Atlantic Ocean in safety—in fact, so great is the throng of vessels around her, filled with people who are curiously inspecting her, that one can almost imagine that a great fair is being held upon the water. The Captain and crew are in a perfect state of health, and more than satisfied with the performance of their life-saving raft."

THE WEST.

The Wheat Crop—Revenue Returns—Grain Gamblers—Out Door Sports.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Monday, Aug. 12.

We are passing through a "heated term," although it was broken in upon on Friday night by a norther, which came bearing the effects of a hail-storm somewhere between us and Lake Superior. The change was very grateful and was duly appreciated by a burned and exhausted people. But we have one consolation—we are not so bad off in this respect as some of our neighbors all around us. The lake breeze tempers our atmosphere and renders it comparatively tolerable even in the hottest times, while west of us the thermometer shoots up to over a hundred, with no relief but the going down of the sun.

The question of the wheat crop is settled. The harvest has been gathered in excellent order throughout the West. The yield is pronounced the largest ever grown. Wisconsin, especially, which is noted for its good wheat, reports an unusually heavy crop. The weather for corn still continues just of the right sort, with the exception of a want of rain in some localities; But I have been through a good portion of the State north of Springfield, within the past two weeks, and everywhere the promise is glorious. In the southern part of the State there is scarcely ever a failure, and oats, rye and barley also promise abundantly. Fruit of all

were in the store, but fortunately none were where the ruins fell. The rain poured into the store without stint, and Mr. HAZLETON's property was probably damaged to the extent of $1,000. A portion of the lightning passed into the composing room of the *Monitor* office in the upper story of the block, but the printers were uninjured. One person there employed was raised a few inches from the floor, another was sent whirling round like a top, while a third had a pipe knocked from his mouth in a very unceremonious manner. A current also passed down the chimney to the Messrs. STEWART's clothing store, and several girls in the basement were prostrated. A portion of the bolt also ran along the roof to the southeast portion of the building, there it went straight down into G. H. BATCHELDER's shoe-shop, where two workmen were slightly stunned. Other portions of the block were undoubtedly visited in a similar manner, but no serious injury to persons occurred. The building is owned by FRANKLIN LOW, who will be to some expense in the repairing line. The affair caused great excitement in the city, and hundreds of people immediately rushed to the spot to learn the damage. Meantime an alarm of fire was started, and ringing of bells and rattling of engines soon added their accompaniment to the affair. It was, altogether, a great excitement for Concord, but our citizens are thankful that, although more than twenty persons were almost in the lightning's track, yet all were saved from harm.

Frauds on the Pay Department—Large Amounts Drawn on Forged Discharge Papers—Arrest of Parties Implicated.

From the St. Louis Republican, Aug. 12.

We are told that for a considerable time past some of the officers connected with the Pay Department have had vague, half-formed suspicions that swindling was going on in some department, but were unable to detect in what way, till within the last week or so the whole matter was incidentally discovered, and it was ascertained that Uncle Sam has been swindled out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The first information the Department received which led to the discovery of the frauds was from Leavenworth. The circumstances of the case there developed are thus related in the *Conservative* of the 8th inst.:

On Friday afternoon last a young man who gave his name as BERNARD, presented himself at the office of Majors SMITH & SHREVE, representing himself as a member of the Thirtieth United States Infantry, who had not received his pay. His discharge was dated at Plum Creek, on the Smoky Hill, and created some suspicion, as the troops thereabouts had been paid. Major SHREVE asked what he was doing here and where he was stopping. He said he was stopping at the Brevoort House, and if he wanted any reference, Sergt. BENEDICT would give him any information, if they would go to the Brevoort House. Mr. SHREVE immediately repaired to the Brevoort House—BERNARD in the meantime being kept at the office by Major SMITH—and found the gentleman at the hotel, who immediately started up Seneca-street. Major SHREVE followed, and overtaking him at the corner of Second, politely told him to halt, at the same time presenting a pistol. SHREVE told him there was a young man named BERNARD up at his office waiting to see him, and asked him to go up. BENEDICT finally went up. On arriving there SHREVE's prisoner disclaimed all recognition of BERNARD, and positively stated that he had never seen him before. After some questioning, however, BERNARD acknowledged that BENEDICT had induced him to present forged papers for pay, and that BENEDICT had headquarters at St. Louis, where the business was carried on quite extensively. The two gentlemen were turned over to United States Marshal MAGUIRE and Major SMITH and Deputy United States Marshal FRENCH started for St. Louis on Saturday to ferret out the concern."

On arriving at this city FRENCH immediately communicated the facts in the case to the Department. The information given created the suspicions previously entertained by the officers controlling the Department, and measures were taken to have the matter thoroughly investigated. Col. BROWN, Chief Paymaster, sent for Col. J. B. ROGERS, our United States Marshal, one of the most efficient Deputy Marshals in the West, and placed the matter in his hands. Col. ROGERS, assisted by Deputy Marshal FRENCH, immediately set to work. A day or so after commencing operations they arrested a man named FRANK W. HOWARD, in his house, at the corner of Fifteenth and Walnut streets, and on searching the premises, found a large quantity of discharge and final statement papers, *fac similes* of those used by the Department, and also the forms used for making out transportation vouchers. Most of the papers were in blank, but not a few were already filled up with the names of soldiers and officers, and all other particulars duly and properly inserted. HOWARD, who is a married man, has occupied rather a respectable position in society, and was much disturbed by his sudden arrest, and made no effort to deny his criminality, but said he had been lead into it by others. The records of the office were subjected to a searching examination, and the operations of the swindlers came gradually to light. We are informed that the amount of money drawn in this Department on forged papers reaches a most startling sum, but in the present uncertainty surrounding the matter, we suppress the figures given to us.

But this is not all. There is undoubted evidence that in Baltimore, Washington, New-York and other cities, large payments have been made on similarly forged papers, and in smaller amounts at many important disbursing offices throughout the country. What the total amount the Government has lost in this way will reach can at present only be conjectured. Washington is said to have been the grand head centre of the gang of thieves, as it is for many other kinds of villainies. There appears reason to believe that this swindling has been going on more or less since 1865. The plan and workers in the frauds are as yet only partially known. On Friday last Marshal ROGERS, accompanied by Deputy FRENCH, started for New-York, where it is expected certain arrests will be made which will shed light on the whole matter. Since the discovery has been made curious reminiscences are occurring to the minds of belogged officials. In one instance we heard of a certain worthy officer who remembered distinctly being swindled, but remembered too late. Shortly before the discovery he recollected he paid an apparently discharged soldier $445. A few days afterward another discharged veteran, wearing a huge brown wig, called and presented his papers. They were all right. (?) The officer thought the man was astonishingly like the soldier he had paid off a few days before, except for the wig, and finally, unable to find a flaw in the unexceptionable papers, he paid him again $420. He forgot his misgivings until the fraud flashed then again into his mind, and he is now convinced he paid a daring thief, who laughed at him in his sleeve as he took the cash and spoke of eagerness to get home and the battles in which he had bled. It is stated that a man named WHEELEY has been the leading spirit in the nefarious schemes. He took with him to New-York the following letter of introduction:

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6, 1867.

SIR: Col. J. B. ROGERS, United States Marshal Eastern District of Missouri, will present this. He wants Washington in pursuit of certain persons who have been engaged in forging final statements, transportation papers, &c., on which they have drawn moneys from disbursing officers at different points in the country. He can give you full information. Some persons have been arrested. I have examined all the papers, &c. Think if the matter is properly followed up the holders can be arrested, and a stop put to this kind of work. I hope you will give Col. ROGERS all the assistance you can, so that the guilty parties may be arrested, and the Government saved from further loss.

Your obedient servant,
J. W. BROWN, Assistant Paymaster-General.
Gen. B. W. BRICE, Paymaster-General U. S. A.

It was the purpose of Col. ROGERS and Deputy FRENCH first to visit Washington and then to proceed to New-York, visiting also some other Eastern cities.

GENERAL ITEMS.

WILLIAM NORTH RICE, son of Rev. WM. RICE, Librarian of the Springfield (Mass.) City Library, graduated at the High School in that city at 14 years of age, with the highest honors of his class; entered the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., graduated as Valedictorian at 19 years of age; passed two years in an advanced course in the "Sheffield Scientific School," Yale College, receiving at graduation the uncommon Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, (Ph. D.,) and at 20 years of age has been elected to the "Professorship of Geology and Natural History" in the Wesleyan University, with leave of absence for two years, to travel in Europe and visit the celebrated scientific schools and museums of foreign countries.

The "lock-out" or "strike" in Pittsburgh, Penn., during last Winter and this Summer, has had rather a baleful influence on the "iron region" of the celebrated Juniata iron country, the iron of which is reputed the best in the United States. Pittsburgh, being the natural market for this iron, and the "lock-out" closing it, in some measure, has driven much of this iron East; some has been taken to Cincinnati, Portsmouth and other places. In many instances the iron masters have closed their furnaces and forges. There are, it is said, only two charcoal furnaces in blast in Huntingdon County, out of ten.

A letter from Bedford Springs, Penn., 10th inst., says: "The joyous harvest is closed, the grain safely housed, and such crops of wheat, rye and oats these rich valleys and hills never before yielded; the prospect for corn is also very good and farmers generally anticipate a great reduction in prices of grain. Many of them are already threshing out their wheat, to obtain the highest price before the Fall comes. New wheat is now selling for $1 50 to $1 60 per bushel, which formerly sold at $3 to $3 25 per bushel. The surplus, after supplying the home consumption, will be very large."

In the S. J. Court in session at Portland, Me., last week, CHARLES WILLIS was tried for larceny of a pocket-book containing $1,600 in Government bonds and bills from DARIUS B. STEVENS, on the 9th of April, 1867. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. After some consultation and conference between counsel and Court, a *nolli. pros.* was entered as to the counts of the walle in above $50, there being no evidence that defendant knew how much money it contained. Thereupon the Court sentenced him to three months in the County Jail.

Mr. ALONZO HITCHCOCK, of Cambridge, Mass., was attacked on the 8th inst. with violent convulsions indicative of hydrophobia. He made noises like the bark of a dog, and shuddered at the sight of water. His raving during the night was extremely violent, and six men were required to hold him. There is but little hope of his recovery. Mr. HITCHCOCK was bitten by a dog eight years ago, but never before felt any unpleasantness therefrom.

Salem, Mass., is a wealthy city. Its total valuation is more than $21,000,000, but nearly $2,000,000 of that is returned to the Tax Commissioner. The valuation of the Assessors is $10,786,860 in personal property, and $8 480,200 in real estate, making a total of $19,267,700, which is an increase over last year of $3,049,600. This is an increase that nobody dreamed of in an old town like Salem. The number of polls is 4,972, which is an increase of 84. The rate of taxation is $12 50. Last year it was $10.

ALICE C. ABBOTT, the young girl who was arrested in Boston several weeks since on the charge of causing the death of WASHINGTON PICKERING, her stepfather, by poison, has been sent to the Taunton Insane Asylum, the Grand Jury having failed to find a bill against her on account of apparent insanity.

The Boston *Post* says: "The Lelands, according to tongues a-going, are to be landlords of the new Clarendon on Tremont-street, opposite Milford. If so, it will be the right men for the right house."

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
75—	Lippman vs. Mandell et al.	149—	Hoffman, &c., vs. Johnson et al.
78—	Waterbury vs. Ross et al.	165—	Hall vs. Van Winkle.
		209—	Burtis vs. Burtis.

MARINE COURT.

Adjourned to Friday, 16th inst.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT—IN BANKRUPTCY.

Before Judge Blatchford.

PRACTICE—ATTORNEY—APPEARANCE—VARIANCE IN NOTICE—SCHEDULE—NO ONE CAN APPEAR WHO HAS NOT PROVED HIS DEBT.

In the Matter of William D. Hill, a Bankrupt.—In this case, on the day appointed for the first meeting of the creditors, two of the creditors of the bankrupt appeared by Theodore R. Westbrook, Esq., as their attorney. They did not appear in person, nor were their debts proved; but Mr. Westbrook filed with the Register, Theodore B. Gates, Esq., preliminary objections to the proceedings, on behalf of each of the two Creditors for whom he appeared. The objections were: First, that the notices to the creditors gave the name of the debtor as William *B.* Hill, instead of William *D.* Hill; second, that the petition did not state the sum due to each creditor, nor the nature of each debt or demand, nor the true cause and consideration of the indebtedness in each case, and when the same arose, and did not comply, as to the details required to be stated in it, with the 11th section of the Bankrupt Act. Third—That the inventory of the estate did not show the items of the debtor's alleged personal estate and the value at which it was estimated, so that it could be determined whether the property was or was not exempt by law, and that the inventory was insufficient and defective under the requirements of said 11th section. Fourth—That the debtor had omitted from his schedule property claims, demands and rights of action, owned by him or held by others for his use and benefit. The bankrupt, by a written paper, filed with the Register, moved to strike out such preliminary objections of the creditors on the following grounds: First—That the creditors had not appeared in person nor by an attorney authorized to practice in the District or Circuit Court of the United States, who was authorized to appear for them in this matter; that Mr. Westbrook's name, indorsed on the objections, was not written by him, nor had he appeared in Court to sanction its use; and that he could not delegate to other counsel or attorneys the use of his name thus, as he did, in fact, attempt to do in this case. Second—That the creditors had not proved their claims, and could raise no objections until they established the fact on their part that they had claims against the bankrupt's estate. Third: That the first objection on the part of the creditors was frivolous, because the notice of service of notice by the Marshal appeared to be regular, and was conclusive, and was, in fact, uncontradicted. Fourth: That the second objection on the part of the creditors was frivolous, because the inventory was made for the intermission of the Court and not of the creditor as to the amount and nature of each claim, and the certificate of the Register as to its sufficiency was conclusive, and because the inventory was sufficient. Fifth: That the third objection on the part of the creditors was frivolous, because value is never certain, and can only be estimated, and the value of the debtor's personal estate was so stated; that a full schedule of household furniture was not required by the act, and that the examination of the bankrupt was not intended to be superseded by the inventory. Sixth: That the fourth objection on the part of the creditors was frivolous, because it was too indefinite, and that it ought to specify what particular omissions have been made from the schedule. The debtor also asked that the creditors be charged with the costs and expenses of the decision of the objections made by them. It was agreed that the questions thus raised should be submitted to the Court, and the case was adjourned.

By the Court—The Register states in his certificate that he would have assumed to decide the several questions raised except for the fourth objection raised by the creditors, which seemed to him to go to the merits of the whole proceeding, and so constitute such "an opposition to the discharge of the bankrupt" as to require a reference to the Court, under the act and the General Orders.

The fourth objection was that the debtor had omitted from his schedule property, claims, demands and rights of action owned by him or held by others for his use and benefit. This objection cannot be regarded as "an opposition to the discharge of the bankrupt." Until the bankrupt applies, under section 29, for his discharge, no objection filed or raised to any proceeding can be considered as "an opposition to the discharge." Beside, under sections 30 and 31, no creditor who has not proved his debt can oppose a discharge. In this case the creditors have not proved their debts.

The Register also states in his certificate that, if he had assumed to decide the first preliminary objection raised by the creditors, he would have held that the variance, by the use of the name of Wm. B. Hill, instead of that of Wm. D. Hill in the notices, was not material, and would not be regarded in law or equity unless the party had been misled; that it is evident that the creditors who appear and raise the objections are not misled; that all the papers in the case, and the notices published in the newspapers, gave the bankrupt's name correctly, and that only the notices served on the creditors who appeared gave the middle letter of the bankrupt's name as B., instead of D. The variance in this case was not material, and the first objection taken by the creditors was untenable.

The Register states that he does not regard the return by the Marshal, as to the service or notice on the creditors, as conclusive. Under sections 12 and 13 of the Act such return is not conclusive.

The Register states as to the second objection taken by the creditors, that he should have regarded the statement in the schedule of the amount due to each creditor as sufficient, wherever the sum and the date of the debt or judgment was given; that to ascertain the exact amount at any stage of the proceedings only required a computation of interests; that any other mode is impracticable, with the form of schedules adopted by the Court; that the details of place and consideration seem to be sufficient, and that if they are not they may be made so by amendment. The views of the Register as to the second objection are correct.

The Register states as to the third objection that he is of opinion that the schedules are defective in giving an inventory of the bankrupt's alleged personal estate, because they do not set forth the separate items of household furniture and wearing apparel, but that the omission may be remedied by amendment, if necessary. The schedules are defective if they do not set forth such separate items, but the omission may be remedied by amendment under section 26 of the act, and rules 7, 14 and 33 of the "General Orders in Bankruptcy."

The Register states that the point made by the bankrupt against the appearance of the creditors named did not seem tenable; that Wm. Lawton, Esq., first appeared for the creditors named, and that the objection being taken, that he was not admitted to practice in this Court, he called in Mr. Westbrook, who represented the creditors named for Mr. Lawton. The Register is correct in his view that this point is not tenable. Mr. Westbrook being an attorney or counselor of the circuit or district, has a right, under rule three of the "General Orders in Bankruptcy," to appear for the creditors, and conduct the proceedings for them; and if he so appears to conduct the proceedings, the Register cannot, at the instance of the bankrupt, inquire into the authority given to him by the creditors. The certificate of the Register that Mr. Westbrook was called in, and represented the creditors, is understood to mean that he appeared, and conducted the proceedings for the creditors.

As to the second point made by the bankrupt, namely: that the creditors had not proved their claims, and could raise no objections until they established the fact on their part—that they had claims against the bankrupt's estate—the Register states it to be his opinion that the persons named as creditors in the debtor's schedule may appear and make any motion, and take any exception, without other proof of their debts than that contained in the bankrupt's papers. In this the Register is mistaken. Under section 13 of the act, the two creditors in this case, not having proved their debts, would not, at the meeting at which the proceedings now certified took place, have been entitled to any voice or vote in the choice of an assignee. The meeting was, under section 11 of the act, and the warrant, "Form No. 6," a meeting of the creditors "to prove their debts, and choose one or more assignees." No creditor has, at such meeting, any right to be heard, either in person or by attorney, in opposition to any of the proceedings, until he has proved his debt. The fact that his debt is set forth in the schedules to the bankrupt's petition gives him no such right to be heard.

As to the fourth point taken by the bankrupt, the Register states that he does not regard his certificate as to the sufficiency of the inventory of the debtor's debt as conclusive. Such certificate is not so conclusive as to prevent an inquiry into the sufficiency of such inventory when the question is raised at the proper time and in the proper manner, and on the suggestion of a proper party.

The Register states that the fifth point taken by the bankrupt is argumentative. It is untenable in so far as it claims that a full schedule of household furniture is not required by the act, and in that respect the views of the Court have been hereinbefore stated.

As to the sixth point taken by the bankrupt the Register states that he thinks it well taken, and that the creditor who opposes a bankrupt's discharge on the ground of fraud or concealment, should be required to specify the particular matter of which he complains. The objection made (the fourth objection taken by the creditors) would in any event be of no avail unless made definite by specifying the particular omissions relied on. The Clerk will certify this decision to the Register.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge McCunn.

BROKER'S DEALINGS.

Thomas C. Durant vs. *Lewis Einstein et al.*—Heard May Term, 1867.—This was a motion to vacate a temporary injunction; the facts are sufficiently stated in the opinion.

MCCUNN, J.—This is a motion to dissolve a temporary injunction.

The defendants, on the 11th of January, 1867, agreed to carry for plaintiff ten thousand shares of the preferred stock of the Chicago and North Western Railroad Company, and to pay for the same at $10 (per share) less than the market value thereof, which was then $80 per share.

This agreement was to extend three months, plaintiff agreeing that if the stock during that time fell below eighty he should then keep in the defendant's hands a clear margin of $10 per share, and in default of his not doing so defendants had the privilege of selling the stock at public or private sale, with or without notice. Under this agreement defendants received the ten thousand shares and advanced to the plaintiff thereon $700,000.

The plaintiff alleges that by the custom of brokers, and bankers, and business men, the defendants should refrain from all acts that would affect the value of the stock, and that they should not do anything that would depreciate the stock in market. He also alleges that the price of the stock was to be determined by the sales made at the New-York Stock Exchange, which held two sessions each day, and at the Open Board Exchange, which held three sessions each day.

Plaintiff further says that on the 20th of January the stock fell below $80 per share, and at defendant's request he deposited $80,000 as additional margin.

That on the 23d of January, defendants made further calls for additional security or margin, and plaintiff then deposited with defendants 100 land grant bonds of the Union Pacific Railway Company, Eastern Division, each of the value of $1,000, amounting in all to $100,000. These bonds the defendants agreed to accept as security, rating them as $50,000 in cash. That on the 24th of January, 1867, the defendants again called for more security, and plaintiff gave them a note of $25,000, made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, together with twenty-five bonds of the Company, each worth $1,000, as collateral security, and which defendants received as $25,000 in cash. [This note was paid.] That after business, and late on the 24th of January, plaintiff deposited with defendants, as additional security, $10,000 in cash and sixty shares of Pacific Mail Steamship Company's stock, of the value of $10,494. All the foregoing allegations are substantially admitted by defendants' papers.

Plaintiff further says that on the close of the day of the 24th of January, he (plaintiff) had fully complied with the contract on his part, and had requested the defendants to carry the 10,000 shares of preferred stock agreed upon. Plaintiff further alleges that on said 24th day of January, 1867, at about 3:30 o'clock, he gave notice to the defendants that the next day he would take up 2,000 shares of the preferred stock, and pay for the same, and would leave the whole of the additional security in defendant's hands as collateral to the remaining 8,000 shares; he also alleges that on the same day he notified the defendants that next day he would take up and pay for an additional 3,000 of the preferred stock or as much more as was required to make the margin perfectly secure, and would leave all the additional securities as collateral to the remaining five thousand shares.

He also alleges that by the custom of the market he had until 2:15 o'clock on the 25th of January to do this, and that he was ready and willing on the said 25th, at 11 o'clock, to do so, and notified the defendants of that effect, when defendants replied they had sold all said 10,000 shares of the preferred stock, and they thereupon rendered him an account of sales which they claim to be strictly true and accurate, and which showed a large balance in their favor, for the making of which they claimed the right to sell the one hundred land grant bonds and the sixty-six shares of the Pacific Mail Steamship stock, pledged as before stated. Plaintiff, however, alleges this account of defendants to be incorrect and untrue—untrue in this, that defendants sold the preferred stock not in a legitimate way, and much below the market value, and he further says that if the stock had been estimated at a fair market value, the margin in their hands at the time they sold his preferred stock was amply sufficient, and more than sufficient, to have enabled defendants to carry the said 10,000 shares of preferred stock. All these allegations are absolutely and positively denied by defendants.

So that, the principal question in the case is whether the defendants acted legally and fairly in selling and disposing of the 10,000 shares of the preferred stock of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, and under which sale they claim to have a large balance against plaintiff, or whether they contrived to break down the market value of said stock and sold the same secretly and below its market value, and that by reason thereof he is not in their debit, and that therefore he is entitled to have an accounting and to have returned to him the one hundred land grant bonds and the sixty-six shares of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's stock.

He further claims that if after an accounting there is any sum due by him to defendants he is ready and willing to pay the same, and now offers to do so and receive back his pledges. In the meantime he prayed for aid and received the temporary injunction of this Court restraining the defendants from disposing of said 100 land grant bonds and said 66 shares of Pacific Mail Steamship Company's stock.

The motion now before me is one on the part of the defendants to set aside that injunction and allow said defendants to sell and dispose of the Land Grant bonds and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's stock so as to enable defendants to satisfy their alleged balance due by plaintiff to them, and for the purposes of this motion they rely mainly upon two facts.

First—They say that the statements presented by them are so strong and overwhelming that the Court would be fully justified in dissolving the injunction.

Second—They allege that in a former action in the Supreme Court of this District, which action was discontinued before this suit was commenced, a motion was made to set aside a similar injunction and was granted, and afterward affirmed at General Term on behalf of defendants, and they further point to the decision on that motion by the Supreme Court should bind this Court, or at least in a great measure warrant me in granting their motion here.

Unfortunately the Supreme Court, both at General and Special Term, assign no reasons for dissolving the injunction, and I can form no opinion in the case. We are therefore left uninformed as to the method or line of reasoning they adopted in disposing of the motion.

On the hearing before me it was asserted by counsel for plaintiff and admitted by the other side, that at the argument at the General Term of the Supreme Court the Justices would not allow, or in other words, would not consider, the additional affidavits offered on the part of plaintiff to support the sworn complaint, not withstanding the fact that the defendants had moved to set aside the injunction upon a large number of new affidavits in addition to the answer.

Now, this fact alone is enough in my mind to take this case, so far as this motion is concerned, without the pale of the ruling of the Supreme Court on the former motion. The practice in all the districts of the Supreme Court of this State with the exception of the first district, and the uniform practice of this Court, enables the plaintiff where the defendant moves on sworn answer and additional affidavits to set aside an injunction granted on a sworn complaint alone, to put in counter affidavits to support his sworn complaint. Mr. Justice Woodruff, in the case of Fowler vs. Burns, 7 Bosworth, 687, in a most learned and able opinion, settles this question fully, and the rulings in that case must be conclusive with me in this. Counter affidavits were not allowed to be read in the proper sense of the word in the case in Supreme Court, and as I have said before, that is enough to warrant me in disregarding the course pursued by the Supreme Court, or the result of the motion in the case there.

Moreover, the investigation in the Supreme Court was, as it is in this Court, entirely discretionary, and does not involve an investigation upon the merits in open Court with witnesses heard, but only an investigation of a preliminary and partial character upon affidavits.

The interlocutory proceedings of a Court are of no importance, except in the suit itself. The is a preliminary hearing for an injunction—an injunction *pendente lite*, not a demand for a final adjudication; and the only thing for the Court to do in such a case is to determine in a summary manner whether plaintiff should have an injunction during the pendency of the action.

Again the action in the Supreme Court was an action for the recovery of the original securities, alleging a fraud in respect to the preferred stock, claiming damages in a large sum of money, and praying the Court for judgment that defendants hand plaintiff back his preferred stock.

The prayer of that complaint shows that the plaintiff demanded as final relief that the defendants' pretended sales of the plaintiff's preferred stock be declared null and void, and that the defendants be required to return the 10,000 shares to the plaintiff, and to recover heavy damages.

That action was to get the preferred stock back again—to repudiate their sales by the defendants, and compel them to replace it, and then, that they should be compelled to surrender the other collaterals on the same ground. Plaintiff, in that action, did not offer, as he does in this, to pay them any balance, if any should be found in their favor, but claimed that they had unlawfully dealt with the preferred stock, on the ground that their transaction in it was fraudulent.

This action is brought for the recovery of the collaterals—two lots, one of bonds and the other of Pacific Mail shares—put up as a pledge or security, under a new and separate agreement, and the complaint is filed to redeem that pledge. Defendants admit that they were put in as collateral, as pledges, and they have accordingly rendered an account, but plaintiff denies that account, and states facts going to show that that account should be investigated in order to ascertain whether anything is due them or not, he does not ask the stock from defendants; he asks simply the privilege of paying any balance found against him and redeeming the pledged collaterals, and to my mind the remedy he is now seeking, if the allegations in his complaint be true, is the correct remedy.

Defendants have a pledge from plaintiff for a balance. They claim that plaintiff owes $74,000 or $75,000. Plaintiff denies that it is any such sum; but says, whatever the amount may be, he is entitled to ask that it be first ascertained by the Court what he does owe, (if anything,) in order that he may have a chance to pay it; a pledgor has a right to an account, and to have a decree of a competent court to settle the same, if that account is disputed. This he has a right to ask. (Willard's Equity Jurisprudence, 456; see the numerous cases cited in notes.) A Court of Equity has always jurisdiction of such claims. A man with a pledge in his hand cannot dispose of it without regard to the pledgor's rights. He cannot be judge, jury and sheriff; when there is any dispute about the subject pledged it is the right of the party to be heard in open Court before his property is sacrificed.

A prudent pawnee, where there is a question about the amount, gives the proper notice to the pledgor and brings his action in equity to foreclose the pledge and have it sold, and have the amount due him determined, and in all cases where the pledgor shows that there is a question as to the amount and wants to redeem his property, and is ready to pay, he has a right to come into a Court of Equity and ask the proper relief.

The rule of Equity in regard to an injunction is this: That where the relief sought by the action will fall unless there be an injunction pending the suit, and where the plaintiff gives security, a temporary injunction should be granted, otherwise the whole object of the action fails.

The pledge of a $1,000,000 of Chicago and Northwestern Railroad preferred stock was a pledge by a written instrument with a waiver in it; while the pledge of the property the plaintiff is now seeking to recover was a simple pledge with a waiver—a new agreement so far as these securities are concerned.

The 10,000 shares of preferred stock that plaintiff put in as the first pledge against the $700,000 was pledged with a condition and a waiver. The condition was to keep the margin good within $10 a share of the actual market of the stock. On the default of that condition the pledge would be forfeited, and the parties rights as pledges to enforce it would immediately arise. It may be well to examine hastily here what are the rights' parties in this action; even if the defendants be correct in their views in saying that the land-grant bonds and the Pacific Mail stock were a part and parcel of the original contract.

In the first place, if there is no waiver in the agreement, his rights are to demand a satisfaction, and give the party a reasonable time to make the satisfaction good, and then give him notice of sale before the sell his pledge. Without these three things he cannot sell: First, there must be a demand; secondly, it must be a demand reasonable in time, and thirdly, there must be notice. In this case the defendants testify positively there was a demand and notice; but this is as positively denied by plaintiff.

The doctrine of pledges is clear. The pledgee never can sell unless there be a waiver, without first calling upon the party, if he is within reach, and requiring him to make his pledge good, and then giving him notice before he sells; a waiver of notice is not a waiver of demand (2 New-York R. 443., Wilson vs. Little). In that case it was held expressly that where there was a contract saying that a party might sell without notice, it did not authorize a sale without a demand, and without calling on the party to fulfill. "The borrower agreed that the vendor could sell without notice, but not that he could sell without demand of payment, and the law of this Court is, that where there was a waiver of the notice only, a demand was not waived.

The rule that a demand is necessary, notwithstanding the waiver of notice, is held also in Lewis vs. Varnum, (12 Abbott, 305,) and in the very recent case of Genet vs. Howland, (45 Barbour, 560.) The notice of waiver was not a valent for a demand. The demand must be a requirement to pay and redeem, and a reasonable time for payment and redemption must be allowed. In 27 N. Y., 364 (Millard vs. De Bow,) there was a consignment of cotton, and the consignee was to keep the margin good; and it was held that he could not, without notice, sell in that case; that he must demand the margin before selling. He had leave by contract to sell without notice, but there was not enough. Demand was not waived. The question in that case was whether a demand was necessary, and the necessity was declared by the Court.

In Andrews vs. Clarke, (3 Bosworth, 585,) it was held that the plaintiff was not in default, so that the defendants had a right to sell, though they had given him notice that they had anticipated a fall on a certain day; that the pledgee could not sell without the fall first occurring, and then giving him notice, so as to cut off his equity of redemption.

In 2 Duer, 244-251, (Merwin vs. Hamilton,) the pledgees were held liable because they did not make demand of payment and give notice of sale. It is clear, therefore, that a party in default without any special arrangement is entitled to two things—first, his property cannot be sold at the will of such parties without their first making a demand upon him, in order that he may be enabled to prevent its being sacrificed; and second, he is entitled to notice of sale.

But if demand and notice were both combined with and before the sale, the plaintiff places himself in a position to tender money and redeem his pledge; that is enough to entitle him to its return.

In a case of this magnitude where a plaintiff charges, on the oaths of several persons, that all his property was ear-marked by having his own special power attached, and that through the instrumentality of that special power, plaintiff learned that instead of defendants selling his stock at the prices mentioned in the account rendered by them, they sold it at a much higher rate, and although this is all positively denied by defendants and by the oath of several other persons, yet if the statement be true—and it seems to be the main issue in the case—that plaintiff's preferred stock were so marked that the defendants could identify the same, and they knew at the time of selling that it was his stock, I would hold, as a matter of law, that he is entitled to be credited with what he has received by them for the same under these circumstances. I would not be justified in depriving the plaintiff of any and every right to which, in equity and in law he is entitled, to enable him to have a fair investigation in open Court, with witnesses there present, so that the proper veracity or doubts can be awarded by the Court to testimony where it is merited, and where the plaintiff offers abundant security thereby amply indemnifying the defendants if they are successful.

I see no just reason why I should not in furtherance of justice sustain the preliminary injunction.

The plaintiff must give a new bond in $25,000 with good and sufficient sureties, indemnifying defendants against any loss in case he fails in the action—this together with the securities now in the defendants' hands, will be abundant indemnity while they are awaiting the final action of this Court.

Mr. Tracy and Mr. Bell for plaintiff; Mr. Larocque, for defendant.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—AUG. 14.

Before Judge Barnard.

RIVAL QUARANTINE COMMISSIONERS—MOTION FOR MANDAMUS.

The People ex rel. Wm. A. Cobb vs. *Thos. Hillhouse, Comptroller of the State of New-York.*—The plaintiff, Cobb, was appointed by the Governor Commissioner of Quarantine, in April, 1866, he being at the time a resident of Brooklyn. In May last he removed to New-Jersey, and was, on representation of that fact, removed by the Governor, and Jas. R. Allaben appointed in his place. The removal was based on the ground that he had become a non-resident of the Metropolitan District, and was therefore disqualified from holding the office; but Mr. Cobb claims that the representations made to the Governor were erroneous, and that he removed to New-York instead of New-Jersey. Cobb thereupon sued out, in the name of the Attorney-General, a writ of *quo warranto*, to test the right of his successor to that office, and, pending this proceeding, drew a draft on the Comptroller of the State for one quarter's salary, payment of which was refused. The present application was for a writ of *mandamus*, to compel the Comptroller to pay the draft. Judge BARNARD refused the application, on the ground that the question at issue could be better tried in the *quo warranto* proceeding, and that the indirect trial of the title to the office was not admissible in an application for *mandamus*, the plaintiff having already proceeded by *quo warranto*.

JOHN OWEN for plaintiff; Attorney-Gen. Martin tindale for defendant.

DECISIONS.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—AUG. 14.

By Judge Cardozo.

Clark vs. Clark; report confirmed and judgment of divorce granted. Herwig vs. Herwig; alimony reduced to $9 per week and counsel fee to $150; in other respects report confirmed. Le Doux vs. Henderson; referred to Andrew G. Smith, Esq. Frolich vs. Billen; bail reduced to $50; no costs. Brundes vs. Kori; bail reduced to $50. Kempner vs. Langley: motion denied; costs to abide event. Covert vs. Isaacs; motion denied. Harrison vs. Leonard; order granted. Marks vs. Valentine; order granted. Salomon vs. Levison; motion granted.

By Judge Brady.

Conger vs. Dippel; assignment ordered and discharge granted.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—AUG. 14.

By Judge Barbour.

Alex. W. Harvey vs. Daniel Drew; motion granted. B. H. Bixby vs. The Bennehoff Run Petroleum Company et al.; motion granted. George Quintard vs. Thomas Murphy; motion granted. Mary J. Haley vs. Charles Kissick; motion granted and defendant discharged from custody. Ed. E. Plant vs. S. D. Schuyler et al.; motion granted. Joseph Bagley vs. James Carson et al.; motion granted and proceedings stayed for twenty days.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—AUG. 14, 1867.

$1,500 U. S. 6s, '81, R...	111	2,000 Gr. W. R. 2d M...	73¾
1,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, R.	111¾	40 Bank of Amer....	140
10,000 U. S. 6s., 5-20s. R.	109¾	30 Ninth Nat. Bank..	147
2,500	109¾	7 Amer. Ex.....	73½
	109¾	13 do.....	72
	114	40 Adams Ex. Co.....	73
20,000 do.....	113¾	100 American Coal...	48
26,000 U. S. 6s. 5-20s. '68 Coup.	110¾	20 West. U. Tel.....	45½
280,000 do.....	110¾	100 do.....	45¾
6,500 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, C. '65, New Issue.	108¾	100 Mar. Min Co.....	16½
3,000 U.S. 6s, 5-20s. R. '67, N. Issue..	108⅞	50 Pacific Mail.....	140¾
2,000 U. S. 5s, '74, C. R	109¼	100 N. Y. Cen.....	103⅝
500 U. S. 5s. 10-40. R. Small.....	103¼	100 do.....b10	103¾
5,000 U. S. 5s. 10-40s. R.	99¾	25 do.....2d call	103⅝
1,500 Tr. No. 6. 5-10s. First Ser.....	107¾	50 N. Y. & N. H. R.	126
400 do.....Small.	107¾	200 Erie R.....	70¾
1,000 N.Y. St. 6s, '74..	98	100 do.....s10	70¾
8,000 Tenn. 6s.....ex-c	65¾	500 Hudson R.....	123
2,000 do.....	62	50 do.....	122⅝
13,000 Tenn. 6s. n.	66¼	100 do.....	122¾
1,000 Virginia 6s.....ex-c	50½	25 Stonington R.....	100
5,000 N. Car. 6s.....ex-c	67¾	100 Mich. Cen. R.....	110
5,000 do.....	67	200 M. S. & N. I.....	81¾
10,000 C. & M. U.....	27½	200 do.....	81¾
10,000 Ala. & T. R. In...	70	800 do.....	82
5,000 C. & N. W. Con'd Conv. Deb.....	82¾	200 Chi. & R. I.....	102¾
2,000 do.....	82	500 do.....	102¾
5,000 Troy, S. & R. 7th. m	97	100 C. & N. W. Pr....	70½
1,000 To. & W. 1st M. Ex	88	200 Chi. & R. I.....	102¾
		100 do.....	102¾
		500 do.....b30	103

SECOND BOARD.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s. R. '62.	109½	650 West. U. Tel.....	45¼
64,000 U. S. 6s. 5-20s, C. '64	110¾	100 do.....	45¾
3,500 U. S. 6s, 5-20s, R. '65, New.....	108¾	100 Canton Co.....	46¾
200,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s. '65, New Is.....	108¾	200 do.....	46¾
1,000 U. S. 5-20s, C. '67	108¾	600 Pacific Mail.....	140¾
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THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, UNDER THE GAS LIGHT. Characters by Messrs. A. H. Davenport, J. K. Mortimer, J. B. Studley, Welsh Edwards, James Dunn, C. T. Parsloe, H. Ryner, Miss Rose Eytinge, Miss Blanche Grey, Mrs. Skerrett, Mrs. Wright, and others.

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Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 8 o'clock, LITTLE NELL and THE MARCHIONESS. Characters by Miss Lotta and company.

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NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7½ o'clock, an original and grand spectacular Drama, entitled THE BLACK CROOK.

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Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, commencing at 7 o'clock, STEERSIK, THE WANDERER and THE IRISH EMIGRANT. Characters by Mr. W. H Whalley, Mrs. W. G. Jones, Mlle. Lehman, Messrs. Frank Kernan, G. C. Davenport, J. Nunan, P. Connolly, Sam Colyer, &c.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Advices from China state that the port of Tamanga, in Japan, has been designated by the Japanese Government for the use of foreigners, and accordingly thrown open to commerce.

The accounts of the cholera received from various parts of Italy show no decrease in the mortality. It is reported, on the contrary, that the epidemic is spreading.

The amount of revenue returned by Hungary to the treasury of the Austrian Empire will be the same as it was before Hungary was constituted a separate Kingdom.

GENERAL.

Our Havana correspondence is dated Aug. 9 and 10. We have full particulars about the parting of the submarine cable. The *Narva* is now making the necessary preparations at Key West to grapple for the lost end, and the hopes are that the cable will be found without serious difficulty, the bottom of the sea where the cable was lost being very hard and smooth. A negro conspiracy had been discovered near Santiago de Cuba, but had been suppressed by the Government. The sinking of the dry dock at St. Thomas is confirmed. The yellow fever is raging severely, not sparing age or nativity, children and Cubans dying of the epidemic. At a bull fight at Matanzas the people became so excited on account of the action of the Government official presiding, who ordered the discontinuance of the spectacle, that it was necessary to call out the troops to disperse the rioters. One man was killed and many wounded. The Spanish Ambassador to Mexico, Marquis RIVERA, had arrived from Vera Cruz and continued on his voyage to Europe. The Mexican refugees in Havana were receiving handsome supplies of money, and those wishing to leave had their tickets furnished them. The son of SANTA ANNA had forwarded another protest to Mr. SEWARD, attacking that gentleman's views in his defence of the American commander at Vera Cruz.

Mexican news has been received by way of HAVANA to the 31st ult. The republic had been divided into five grand military districts. The diplomatic corps were making preparations to leave by the French steamer, the Spanish Ambassador having gone already. None of the foreign consuls, excepting those of the United States, were recognized by the JUAREZ Government. Gen. Prince SALM SALM, with a number of other Generals, has been sentenced to death by Court-martial. SANTA ANNA is in Vera Cruz, and acts in high spirits. Mr. EMILE LA SERE had arrived in Mexico as bearer of despatches to JUAREZ from the United States. The accounts about MARQUEZ are conflicting, but it seems that he is still at large. A gentleman had arrived in the City of Mexico as agent for a number of prominent New-York capitalists, to establish a National bank. Many Mexican newspapers are urging the abolition of martial law throughout the republic.

In the Constitutional Convention, yesterday, the Committee presented their report on the organization and powers of counties, towns, &c. The Committee recommended no change in the organization of these divisions, and advocated the adoption of the article prohibiting towns and counties from loaning their credit or money to any corporation; also suggesting that Boards of Supervisors shall have power to legislate upon the internal affairs of counties under restriction prescribed by the Legislature. The Committee on the Pardoning Power, reported an article on the subject providing that the power to pardon shall be vested in the Governor as at present. A resolution was offered that the Committee on the Power of the Legislature be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing laws permitting divorces for adultery and cruel treatment, abandonment for seven years, &c. Referred, The Convention then went into Committee of the Whole on the report of town and county officers, when an amendment was offered to one of the clauses of the report to the effect that the Board of Supervisors shall possess exclusive power of local legislation and administration upon subjects over which, by general laws, they now have jurisdiction. The amendment also recommended that the Legislature shall have power from time to time, by general laws, to enlarge such powers over subjects of local legislation and administration. After some debate the amendment was adopted, as was also an amendment that the salary of any county officer shall not be increased without the consent of the majority vote of the Board of Supervisors of such county nor diminished while in office. The Convention then took a recess. During the evening session the debate on the subject previously under consideration was resumed. The vote on the amendment regarding the Boards of Supervisors, adopted in the morning session, was reconsidered, and the amendment, having been reconsidered, was lost. After some further discussion an adjournment was had.

The sessions of the National Academy of Science continued in Hartford, Conn., yesterday. Papers were read by Profs. BENJAMIN, PIERCE AGASSIZ and WALCOTT. Profs. GIBBS and PIERCE, of Harvard University, discussed the varieties of algebra, and the limits and conditions of Associated Linear Algebra. Prof. AGASSIZ read a paper on the signification of classification in the animal kingdom. Dr. B. A. GOULD, of Cambridge, presented two papers through Prof. NEWTON, containing important results of observations in reference to the changes in the declination of a large number of stars. Prof. GIBBS gave an interesting paper treating on the method of simplifying chemical formula by adoption of the idea of atomicity. The sessions will be continued to-day.

Hon. E. M. STANTON and Mrs. STANTON, have left Washington for a visit of a few weeks to Boston, where they will be the guests of Hon. SAMUEL HOOPER.

At 10 o'clock on Tuesday night, about twelve miles from Kingston, Canada, the propeller *Magnet*, bound for Montreal, collided with the steamer *Bay State* from Ogdensburgh. The *Magnet* sunk in sixty feet of water five minutes after striking. Her crew and passengers were brought to Kingston by the *Bay State*.

Dispatches from Fort Fetterman, received at Omaha, announce that a hard-fought battle, between the Indians and whites, occurred near Fort Phil Kearny on the 2d inst. After a desperate struggle, the savages retreated, having sustained a loss of sixty men killed outright.

A special dispatch from Knoxville, Tenn., announces that a difficulty occurred last night between the newly elected Congressman, MAYNARD, of Tennessee, and his late orponent. The parties came to blows, but were finally separated by their friends.

The Pennsylvania Negro Equal Rights League held yesterday two meetings in Reading, Penn. The attendance was quite large. A mass meeting took place last night. The League will adjourn after meeting to-day.

LOCAL.

The Board of Health met yesterday afternoon, Mr. JACKSON SCHULTZ, President, in the chair. Attorney-General MARTINDALE, Hon. E. DELAFIELD SMITH, and Gen. SHALER were heard on behalf of the Soldiers' Business, Messenger and Dispatch Company, relative to the duties and powers of the Board in the matter. A letter from the American Consul at Panama conveyed word that at that date there was no yellow fever at that place. Registrar HARRIS reported the names, ages, &c., of all the cholera cases—sixteen in number—that have occurred in this City since May last.

The Hoboken Ferry Company were censured yesterday by a Coroner's Jury in the case of JOHN DONNELLIN, who was drowned on Tuesday by the sudden breaking of a chain supporting the Barclay-street ferry-bridge. The jury consider that the Company were guilty of gross neglect in the premises, as the same chain broke a few days before and injured the deceased.

The Citizens' Association lately appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. PETER COOPER and others, to inspect the condition of the streets. The committee report that the contractor is doing his duty, and that the streets are kept as clean as they can be under existing circumstances.

A solemn high mass of requiem for the late Gen. THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER, was held yesterday morning at St. Francis Xavier Church, in Sixteenth-street. In the evening RICHARD O'GORMAN, Esq., delivered a memorial oration at the Cooper Institute, in the presence of a large audience.

The investigation into the cruelties said to have been committed by the keeper of the Paterson Almshouse on the inmates of that institution, was continued at the Almshouse yesterday. Several inmates were examined as to the treatment they had received under SIGLER.

WM. SCHWEICKER, a German, proprietor of a shoe store in Washington-street, Hoboken, committed suicide yesterday by jumping into the river.

Bishop ODENHEIMER took leave of his clergy yesterday at Grace Church, Newark, N. J., previous to his departure for England.

The twenty-first annual session of the Supreme Council Templars of Honor and Temperance was held yesterday at Masonic Hall, Union-square. A public reception and supper were given in the evening at Brooks' Assembly Rooms.

The regatta of the Columbia Boat Club of this City took place yesterday. There were three races for single scull, double scull and six-oared boats respectively, and the contests were very exciting.

The inquest yesterday in the case of EDWARD JONES, shot on Tuesday at Barnum's Museum, resulted in the jury finding a verdict of accidental death. The author of the disaster is still unknown.

We are under obligations to the new purser of the steamship *Columbia*, Mr. J. S. SAFFORD, for the prompt delivery of our Havana correspondence and files.

Produce and merchandise were rather less active yesterday. Old Wheat, Flour, Oats and Cotton were buoyant in price. New Flour and Corn closed in favor of buyers. The freight market was brisker, with 500 vessels in port.

The Tables Turned—Who the Conover Conspirators Really Are.

The effort recently attempted, in the interest of the President, to crush the Radical advocates of impeachment and divert attention from the crusade he has inaugurated against the promoters of reconstruction, has proved worse than a failure. The ridiculous aspect of the affair became apparent when the garbled nature of the statement prepared by the Assistant Attorney-General was brought to light. The point of that statement was, that Radical members of Congress were in intimate relations with the convicted perjurer, CONOVER, whom it was alleged they proposed to use against the President. That was the story sent to the country under the direct sanction of Mr. JOHNSON. Few, probably, attached credence to unsupported assertions on such a subject from such a source. The dishonesty of the document was realized when it became known that while concocting charges against opponents of the President, other documents on file in the offices of the Government implicating certain of his Democratic friends in a movement to obtain the pardon of CONOVER, had been passed over. The exposure not only convicted the Assistant Attorney-General of gross unfairness in the compilation of what purported to be a semi-official statement, but fixed upon Messrs. ROGERS, RADFORD, NIBLACK, ELDRIDGE, LE BLOND, LATHAM, notable Democrats, the odium originally intended for Messrs. ASHLEY and BUTLER.

The matter has not ended here. The motive of Mr. ROGERS and his Democratic associates in seeking the pardon of CONOVER was more than suspected to be a desire to strengthen a movement then and still in progress for obtaining the removal of Judge HOLT from his position as chief of the Bureau of Military Justice. Next to Mr. STANTON, Judge HOLT enjoys the distinction of being the man best hated by the enemies of the Union; and CONOVER was relied upon as a witness available for damaging Judge HOLT's official character, and justifying the President in taking the Bureau into his own care. That done, certain records involving the loyal standing of prominent Democrats would pass under the control of some one less likely to be troublesome than Judge HOLT.

Much is done toward revealing the history and mystery of this movement by the series of extraordinary affidavits which are published in another part of this morning's TIMES. We commend them to the careful study of all who would comprehend the infamy of intrigues, promoted by supporters of the President with the four-fold purpose of serving him, damaging Judge HOLT, helping JEFF. DAVIS and securing the pardon of CONOVER. It will be seen that Messrs. BEN. WOOD and ROGER A. PRYOR, in active conjunction with CONOVER, last Summer undertook the manufacture of affidavits designed to fasten upon Judge HOLT the charge of suborning witnesses. Individuals were asked, for pecuniary considerations, to commit perjury for the furtherance of these ends. They were hired, or were invited to become hired, to state on oath a succession of acknowledged lies, on the ground that by perjury alone could the Bureau of Military Justice be overcome. With these hired perjurers as witnesses, Messrs. WOOD and PRYOR; acting apparently for others as well as for themselves, proposed to beat down Judge HOLT and hasten the liberation of JEFF. DAVIS and the pardon of CONOVER. In one instance, money was paid and received in this connection; in other instances, for reasons assigned, the overtures failed. But the essential fact of the conspiracy, with false swearing as its weapon, is apparently placed beyond dispute by the affidavits now published. Others of a similar character are on record in more than one Department of the Government. These are enough, however, to explain the reckless criminality with which war is waged upon prominent officers of the Government whose unbending loyalty has marked them out for attack and removal. Had the plot now exposed succeeded, Judge HOLT would have been suspended, on pretexts acquired by perjury.

The American Fleet in Chinese Waters—Avenging National Insults.

There is always difficulty in dealing with weak Governments, whether the issues involved are of a commercial or political character.

We have found this true in treating with the Nicaraguan Government; still oftener true in trying to keep the Mexican authorities to their word. We shall probably gain yet further experience, and perhaps experience of an equally unpleasant kind in the East. We have thought ourselves exceedingly fortunate in former years that England and France had a monopoly of the business of declaring periodically a war against the Imperial or the Provincial authorities of China and Japan for a violation of solemn treaty obligations—for harboring pirates—and for permitting such subordinates as Commissioner YEH (of famous renown) to insult their flags. It was possible in those days for us to hear with complacency of the stolidity of a Chinese Governor, who confounded the bombardment of some miserable fishing hamlet with a salute fired in his own honor, and who laughed at the expense to which the "foreign devils" had put themselves in the performance of the ceremony.

But this is now all changed, or certainly will be changed. When the exigencies of the war rendered it impossible for us to be represented by a naval force in the Chinese Seas, we had the opportunity of seeing how readily that fact was taken advantage of to insult our flag. Now that we have a strong fleet in Chinese waters, we shall probably find use for it; or at least we shall have as legitimate occasion for using it as ever France or England had.

The news from the East, which we published yesterday, by way of London, announces the commencement of a job—the completion of which is very likely to lie in the remote future. Shanghae advices say that a portion of our squadron is at work off the Island of Formosa, that the authorities there refuse either satisfaction or apology for the murder of the crew of the bark *Rover* by the pirates that are harbored in the place. Two men-of-war are engaged—the *Hartford* and the *Wyoming*. The demand made by the officer in command, for the surrender of the murderers, appears to have been treated with contempt. On the appearance of the attacking force, the people of the island put themselves in attitude of defence. As a preliminary to the fight the shore was shelled for a considerable distance. Subsequently, a landing was effected, and a fight ensued, said to have been of five hours duration. Our men fought well, and fought evidently under the disadvantage of extreme and overpowering heat. One officer, Lieut. SLIDELL MACKENZIE, was shot, and died of his wounds; and at night the remnant of the force was withdrawn. The success of the operation is not very clearly established; although the necessity for the demonstration is not likely to be questioned. The trouble is, that piracy in Chinese waters is winked at, if not directly encouraged, by the local authorities both on the islands and on the mainland. There is never any responsibility admitted for whatever crimes are committed; and it will take time to remedy this, even if our fleet there could be quadrupled to-morrow.

The advantage of making a hostile demonstration such as this Formosa affair, lies chiefly, if not exclusively, in the fact, that it conveys to the more responsible of the Chinese and Japanese authorities, the only sort of intimation they are likely, for some time at least, to understand, that we do not mean to be trifled with on the matter of harboring pirates, or anything else. Our commerce with the East is growing at a pace which demands all the protection that can be afforded to it. The cost will not be a trifle. But it must be borne, or we must be content to step back and take a second commercial position. Gradually as regular intercourse is opened up by our great Pacific mail line, we shall be able to measure the nature of the risks to which our commerce may be subjected. We shall know whether the enforcement of treaty obligations will involve us in any other than the ordinary expenditures of maintaining conventions elsewhere. There seems to be a fair chance for a fair commercial reciprocity with both Japan and China. With the Japanese authorities, we have already made as much progress, conjointly with England, France and the Government of the Netherlands, as we could have reasonably anticipated. But, we have to be prepared for an occasional warlike demonstration like that reported from Formosa.

Building in the City—The Decline in Prices.

The Trades Unions, which have most distinguished themselves as promoters of strikes and an Eight-hours' Labor Law, must have some difficulty in felicitating themselves upon the result of their last twelve months' labor. They may have brought about, here and there, an occasional compromise on the number of hours which, in the absence of a special contract, constitute a legal working day. But they have neither compelled employers to succumb on the question of prices, nor has their policy of legislative intervention made the skilled workman's position a whit better than it was before, in any single particular. The Union leaders have the satisfaction of finding that the price of skilled and unskilled labor is less, by from twenty to twenty-five per cent., than it was nine months since. They may take account also of the fact that the full supply of the labor market, combined with the decline in the cost of materials, has given a stimulus to building, especially in New-York, that has not been known since the year before the war. The readiness, indeed, of property owners to surrender lots held for speculation, has in fact, caused such a rush to building investments, that a partial reaction from the decline in materials is already noticed by practical men.

With all this there has been a healthy lowering of rents, especially in the up-town districts. It is true rents are still comparatively high; but it is of great consequence that the highest figure has been reached, and that the housekeeper can contemplate the future without the anxiety of late years. We do not, perhaps, owe this change entirely to the advocates of a legislative regulation of the prices and the hours of labor; but we owe enough to the Unions to bring the result of their operations clearly into the foreground. They did their best for a time in the way of combination to overthrow immutable and irrepealable laws. They have lived long enough and worked hard enough in that way to show to others, if not to themselves, how useless it is to interfere with those laws. The lesson is not likely to be thrown away upon the reflective class of workmen.

MINOR TOPICS.

Those who have lately undertaken to damage the Treasury Department and the public credit by stories of stupendous frauds have already learned of their utter failure. The charges were of so wild a character, and so entirely without supporting evidence, that their failure to produce any effect might have been predicted from the first. There were not a few simpletons who believed that when these awful revelations were made gold would rush one way, and Government stocks the other way; but gold fluctuated merely a fraction, and governments rose instead of tumbling. The fact is, that both the financial classes and the general public have a very deep confidence in Secretary MCCULLOCH, as well as in the public credit; and it is harder work to shake this confidence in either than some people supposed last week.

We are glad to see that at last a couple of our City druggists are to be brought to justice for selling poisons to customers without the authorization of a physician. Twice have we called for action upon this subject of late. We were cognizant of cases where persons purchased laudanum from different druggists without any inquiry whatever being made; and after some observation, we came to the conclusion that this and other poisons could be bought without restriction at almost any drug-store in the City. One of the druggists who was arrested on Tuesday alleged that he was unaware of any law governing the sale of poisons, and we must in charity suppose that this ignorance is universal. If the law were enforced in one or two instances, a knowledge of its provisions would spread very rapidly.

Our readers are aware that an unfortunate man lost his life on Tuesday at the Barclay-street ferry bridge, and yesterday the Coroner's Jury censured the Hoboken Ferry Company for "gross negligence." "Manslaughter" would have been a better description of the offence. About three years ago the citizens of Hoboken held a crowded meeting for the purpose of protesting against the use of bridges suspended by chains rather than supported by floats. The present accident had been clearly foreseen. The chains, it was said, had been broken before, and thrown a bridge tender into the water; and if this happened to one man it might to a hundred. The Company was duly represented at the meeting. The audience was boldly assured that the chain system was safest and best, and—which, however, the audience disbelieved—that other ferries had returned to it after a trial of the floats. Now, the Company has upon its head the guilt of sacrificing life after full warning of what it was risking. But the death of the present week presents worse features still. The same chain broke a few days before the fatal occurrence to which we allude, and the same man narrowly escaped, though not uninjured, the fate that since befell him. And the same chain held, and *still holds up* the dirty, narrow, and crowded stage that the Hoboken Ferry Company calls a bridge. Every day thousands are mingled in two opposing crowds, and vehicles of all kinds dash through them without let or hindrance. The wonder is that people are not killed every day. We repeat that "manslaughter" should be the verdict in all these cases of sacrificing life to a niggardly spirit of management. Why is there no indictment?

"Holding Priests up to disfavor—in your remarks on 'Pious Criminals'—strikes many as being uncalled for. The duty of priest or minister on such occasions is to use their best efforts to draw the unfortunate criminal to repentance, for which they should be commended, not ridiculed or insulted." So writes a correspondent. We perfectly agree with him as to the duty of the clergy toward murderers and other criminals. What we have objected to is the pains that are constantly taken to make known the religious rhapsodies of culprits prior to execution. There is hardly a man or woman hung in this country now-a-days but his or her spiritual advisers hasten to let the public know of his or her repentance, conversion and exaltation, with all the details of devout conversation and all the evidences of grace. This is a most abominable custom, which is producing disgust in all respectable Cristian people, and should be stopped at once.

A Paris paper exultingly points out that from the 1st of April to the end of July not less than fifty-eight sovereigns and princes paid their respects at the Tuileries. Such an amount of royal homage to a man who but a few years since was styled, or rather who styled himself, a *parvenu*, is unquestionably the greatest wonder that Paris has witnessed this Summer. It is true that it cannot do much to cover up NAPOLEON'S defeat by BISMARCK, nor his pitiful failure in Mexico. But while ministering to his personal glorification, it has also served to distract the public mind temporarily from the contemplation of these unhappy incidents, and has moreover given the Emperor opportunity to survey and regulate the situation before suffering himself to be plunged into difficulties concerning any of the questions which are awaiting the solution of the sword.

The Southern papers are making marked efforts to cultivate an appreciation of the "dignity of labor" among their people. The period of the war taught, and the years of unsettled and aimless existence which many have passed since the disbanding of the armies are teaching, by famine and want, how helpless are any people who have no knowledge of the mechanic arts. Agriculture is the sole dependence of the vast area of the Southern States, and even that has been considered the proper sphere of inferior classes. But latterly the journals, which are sometimes the heralds and sometimes the records, but always the indexes of the time, have been enlarging upon the importance of putting boys to learn trades, instead of universally seeking to get them places in an office or a store, as being positions of more "gentility." This betokens a wholesome state of public sentiment which we recognise and heartily hail.

People who do not believe in MALTHUS, and hold rather to the more hopeful and kindly theory of FRANKLIN, which favors early marriages, do not like to see that, what with high prices and changed manners, matrimony is shunned as it was not of old. The cost of living and of keeping up appearances, may well frighten not only the mercenary, but the generous of small-incomed men, from the hazard of providing for two instead of one. It has been suggested, by one of these friends to youthful marriage, that hotels, something after the fashion of the French *familistères*, be built with the idea of furnishing suites of apartments to be let only to newly married people. The French *familistères* are large buildings for families, made up, as it were, of two or three hundred houses in one, by admirable economy of space—and containing, too, stalls or shops for a butcher, a baker, a grocer, a greengrocer, a tailor, and so forth. The modification proposed would aim chiefly to furnish a comfortable house for two people at a low rent. That such a thing is perfectly practicable, the French experience for years attests, as we all know. But this idea of which we speak, is not so much the general one of a hotel cut into apartments, as a building fitted up into suites of rooms adapted each for a married couple. Accommodations for many persons could in this way be furnished, since all would have the same space allotted, neither more nor less being offered to let. The rent would therefore be brought very low. We fear, however, that this is one of those benevolent schemes which will not advance beyond the drawing up of a plan on paper.

Sodus Point and Chicago are rivals in offering sea-serpent attractions to visitors. Lake Michigan and Lake Ontario each boasts its serpent—or let us rather say, to coin a timely alliteration—its lake leviathan. Chicago, espousing the cause of the Michigan monster, says it is forty-five feet long and marvelous to behold; Sodus Point avers the Ontario wonder is "thirty feet long" and as big round as "a man's body," or as "the liberty pole, which is of those dimensions." The Chicago people, who of course scorn Sodus Point as a rival watering-place, say their own monstrosity is the bigger—but then they are less definite in the description of it, at present it being apparently a sort of marine "What is it?" On the contrary, Sodus tells us definitely that five men in a boat saw the Ontario serpent, with its head elevated "several feet above the water," and its "huge form entirely visible near the surface." It plunged as they rowed for it, and disappeared; but it "resembled, as it lay on the water, the liberty pole" of Big Sodus. Everybody who knows Big Sodus liberty pole knows what that means. Now, then, which shall first be captured, the serpent of Ontario or the one of Michigan? Here is a chance for Chicago and Sodus Point, and we promise to applaud, without local prejudice, the adventurers who in either lake shall first draw the sinuous prodigy to shore.

Out West, of course, they have taken a step ahead of us slower Eastern people. The Boston experiments in petroleum fuel raised much interest among us, and the same apparatus is now on practical exhibition at the Battery. But in Cincinnati they have rigged up a river steamboat which they call the *Fire King*. In the presence of a large number of professional engineers, steamboatmen and (quite as important a class of men,) insurance underwriters, the apparatus of the *Fire King* produced one hundred and twenty-five pounds of steam in thirty minutes after lighting the burners, and kept up, under way, an average pressure of one hundred and twenty pounds. But, besides this, the petroleum gas is used for illuminating and culinary purposes, so that the boat's whole fire apparatus is under a common and central control. That reads well and would seem to be practically efficient—but how about the smell, we wonder?

The universality with which our people spring to common action in the relief of suffering, is one of the most admirable traits in the national character. If any scheme of charity is indorsed by names known and respected by the community, it is no difficult task to arouse a practical interest in it. The Samtary and other Commissions, during the rebellion, involved perhaps something of the popular excitement of war in the causes of their great scope and efficiency; but the relief commissions, since the war, had no such motive. And it is not in New-York alone that these efforts are easily made. We notice in a Kentucky paper the published account of disbursements made by the Southwestern Relief Commission of Louisville, which sent, principally to Georgia, but also to other suffering Southern States, over $90,000 worth of food and clothing. It is a cause of congratulation that the crop reports from every part of the country are coming in so uniform and positive in their favorable character. Every State but three (TEXAS, Nebraska and Minnesota) show an improvement over last year in the condition of Winter wheat. The highest rate of increase is Ohio, 106 per cent.; New-York showing 17 per cent., which is the smallest. Spring wheat, also, promises a substantial improvement, and the corn crop is universally large. Despite the heavy and incessant rains, there will be plenty of everything cereal for next Winter's wants, and although acts of helpfulness from North to South are the strongest blows for rewelding our severed sympathies, yet it is a cruel necessity which gives opportunity for them, and we rejoice that there is no prospect of further suffering for food in the fertile regions of the South.

Paris at this time feels itself to be more than ever the centre and capital of the world. Its writers set forth the fact in such a way as to show that they not only feel it to be indisputable, but that they consider it a fixed necessity in the order of things. London may have more people, but so has Pekin, and in neither case is the circumstance of any account. Other cities may have greater commerce or larger exchanges, a grander aristocracy and equally palatial residences. But in those ten thousand matters of major and minor consequence, which go to make a city *cosmopolitan* in spirit, character and opportunity, Paris has no equal. The large freedom of its life, and the great variety of conditions under which one may happily exist in it, are even of more importance to it than its splendor, and its shows, and its endless round of gayeties. Paris, too, has the wit to make the best of all she has, and to hold out her invitations so generously to mankind, that it is no wonder the civilized nations of three continents join in justifying her claim to be considered the centre of civilization and the capital of the world.

Affairs in St. Louis—The Burning of the Platte River Bridge—Arrest of Alleged Accomplices of the Incendiaries.

ST. LOUIS, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

About a dozen citizens of St. Joseph, including several prominent gentlemen, were arrested yesterday charged with complicity in burning the Platte River Bridge, on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, in 1861, and they are now safely lodged in jail awaiting important witnesses, when they will have a preliminary examination.

Platte River Bridge was burned by the rebels and their sympathizers, to precipitate a train laden with Union troops into the river. The soldiers did not come as expected, but a passenger train went through the bridge, killing twelve persons and severely wounding many others.

It is said that the Sheriff has writs for forty more residents of Buckingham County.

The information upon which the arrests have been made was given by a man now incarcerated in the jail of St. Joseph on the charge of larceny, which fact has given rise to much doubt as to the guilt of the parties who have been arrested, and who are now in durance vile.

JOHN A. MCRAE, a contractor on the St. Louis, Vandalia and Terre Haute Railroad, was robbed this afternoon in the National Loan Bank of $7,570, which he had just drawn from the bank.

A man named J. W. FLEMION, supposed to have belonged to Lowell, Mass., died in Ellsworth, Kansas, about the 20th of July, leaving some property and a large sum of money, which is in the hands of the authorities. The whereabouts of his relatives or friends are not known.

Four Men Carried Over Niagara Falls.

NIAGRA FALLS, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Four men were carried over Niagara Falls at a late hour last evening. They were two ferrymen and two passengers. Their names are not yet known. There is much excitement over the terrible accident. Their bodies have not yet been found, though search is being made in the river below the Falls.

WASHINGTON.

AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

THE NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.

Gen. GRANT took a fair start in his new duties to-day, being at the Department nearly the entire day. While his accession to this Department will not cause any serious change in the general administration of its affairs, there will be certain changes in the *personnel* of some of the Staff Departments of the army in Washington. It is probable that at least two of the seven Adjutant-General's now in the War Department will be transferred to duty elsewhere. The Quartermaster's Department will also be largely reduced. There are now twenty-nine officers on duty in this Department, in this city, most of them in the Regular Army. The larger portion of these will be transferred, and the bureau reduced to something like its status before the war.

MOVEMENTS OF SECRETARY STANTON.

Secretary STANTON and wife left for Boston on the morning train to-day, and will spend a month there and elsewhere in the North. The enforced relief from official duty is not without its advantages, for Mr. STANTON has long needed such a relief for the benefit of his health.

THE RUMORED SUSPENSION OF JUDGE HOLT.

It is definitely ascertained that there is no good reason for believing that Judge-Advocate-General HOLT will be the recipient of any official attentions at the hands of the President; at most it could not extend beyond a transfer to duty elsewhere, as he is an officer in the regular service. Gen. HOLT has been absent from the city for more than two weeks.

MRS. SURRATT'S COUNSEL.

Mrs. SURRATT's counsel are now both in Government offices. AIKEN is in the Treasury Department, and CLAMPITT has just been appointed a Special Agent of the Post-office Department for Utah, Montana and other localities.

APPOINTMENT OF A POSTMASTER AT SITKA.

Postmaster-General RANDALL has appointed JOHN H. KINKEAD as Postmaster at Sitka, in Russian America. Sitka is about 1,600 miles from San Francisco, and the mails will be forwarded weekly by any vessel that may be going there.

THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE A SEA VOYAGE.

It is semi-officially announced this evening that the President will, in a few days, take a salt water trip in a Government steamer, and perhaps visit Newport and other watering-places.

PERSONAL.

Hon. WILLIAM A. DARLING, of New-York, is in the city. He has so far recovered from his injuries as to be able to move with the aid of a cane. Ex-Senator FOSTER, of Connecticut, is also here.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Wednesday, Aug. 14.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON IN CHINESE WATERS.

Two months or at least six weeks may elapse before the Navy Department will receive a detailed report of the engagement between the United States vessels *Hartford* and *Wyoming* with the pirates at the Island of Formosa, as mentioned by Cable dates of the 13th inst. The report will be forwarded through Rear-Admiral HENRY H. BELL, who commands the Asiatic squadron, and will come in the regular Chinese Mail *via* San Francisco. The news of the wreck of the American bark *Rover*, with the subsequent landing and murder of most of her crew, was reported to Admiral BELL through the commanding officer of the British ship *Cormorant*, who also had an engagement with the pirates. This information was forwarded to the Navy Department by Rear-Admiral BELL in the monthly statement of the distribution and employment of the vessels in the squadron by order of his command for April, and in which it was also stated that the *Ashuelot* had been despatched to the scene of the outrage. The *Hartford* could not then perform that service, owing to her presence being required at another quarter, and at that time the *Wyoming*, the other vessel mentioned by the Cable as having been engaged with the pirates, was in company with the *Shenandoah*, which conveyed the United States Minister and suite to Osaka. Since that report no official mention had been made of the affair. It is possible that the service of a larger force was required than at first was thought necessary by Admiral BELL to punish the wild men of Formosa for their outrage upon our merchant marine service.

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

Information has reached here to the effect that Judge THOMAS, of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the State of Virginia, was taken to Richmond yesterday to answer an indictment charging him with the violation of the Civil Rights Bill in refusing to admit negro testimony in a case before him in Alexandria in 1866. It is further stated that Hon. GEO. S. PENDLETON, of Culpepper, will also be arrested to answer an indictment for registering contrary to the Federal statute.

AFFAIRS IN THE STATISTICAL BUREAU.

The Director of the Statistical Bureau has returned here from his recent tour to the principal Eastern seaports, including New-York, Boston and Portland, the object of which was to harmonize the mode of making the various forms of entry for imported goods at the several ports visited. He has also had conferences with the Commissioners of Emigration, with the view of obtaining more explicit returns concerning the physical and social *status* of the emigrants arriving at the port of New-York.

A letter has been received at the office of the Director of Statistics from HORATIO G. P. PERRY, United States Secretary of Legation at the Court of Madrid, inclosing a communication from Don JOSE DE ZARAGOZA, apprising the Director of the shipment of a box of Spanish statistical publications by the bark *Commerce*, bound to New-York. This shipment is in accordance with the system of international exchange established last Winter.

THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Commissioner WILSON, of the General Land Office, has just received returns from the Surveyor General at Denver, Colorado, of the survey of 91,714 74-100 acres of land situated in Arapahoe County, Colorado, about ten miles east of the City of Denver. The land is mostly rolling prairie, and the soil first and second rate. The principal streams watering the tract are Terrapin and Coal Creeks. There is some timber and stone found along the creeks. The tract is only valuable for grazing purposes, and is but thinly settled as yet. At the date of the survey in July last, a heavy crop of hay was being harvested.

The Commissioner has just addressed a communication to the Surveyor General at Denver, Colorado, to extend the lines of the public surveys in the San Luis Park and the valley of the Rio Grande, from New-Mexico principal meridian and base lines, instead of the Sixth principal meridian. The San Luis Park is situated in Conejas and Castilla Counties, extending on both sides of the Rio Grande, north and south in close proximity to the 106th degree of longitude west from Greenwich, between the 37th and 38th degree of north latitude in Colorado.

THE NEW FIFTEEN-CENT CURRENCY NOTES.

As yet only specimen copies of the new fifteen-cent fractional currency issue have been printed, and it is stated at the Treasury Department that no note of that denomination, stamped both on its face and back, has been sent from the Currency Bureau. It now appears probable that the Secretary will not authorize their issue until after the meeting of Congress.

SOUTHERN POST-OFFICES.

Orders are issued from the Post-office Department nearly every day for the reopening of Post-offices in the Southern States, and in some instances new offices have been established to meet the increasing demand for postal service in that section.

A POSTMASTER AT SITKA.

Postmaster-General RANDALL has appointed JOHN H. KINKEAD Postmaster at Sitka, Russian America. Sitka is about 1,600 miles from San Francisco, and the mails will be forwarded weekly by any vessel that may be going there.

MOVEMENTS OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL STANBERY.

Attorney-General STANBERY, now at Capon Springs, is in poor health, and he will not return to this city for two or three weeks.

THE UNADILLA BANK FAILURE.

Hon. LEWIS KINGSLEY, of Norwich, New-York, has been appointed Receiver on the part of the Government for the foreclosure of the affairs of the National Unadilla Bank, and entered upon his duties on the 10th inst.

LIGHTHOUSE ON THE COAST OF VIRGINIA.

The Lighthouse Board gives official information that on and after Oct. 1, next, a first order-fixed light, illuminating an arc of 225 degrees, will be exhibited from the Assatiague Lighthouse on the coast of Virginia, instead of the fourth order-light heretofore shown from this station.

RECEIPTS FROM CUSTOMS.

The following are the receipts from Customs in the ports below-mentioned, from July 29 to 31st inclusive:

EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Advices to Last Evening by Ocean Telegraph.

Another Japanese Port Opened to Commerce.

The Cholera on the Increase in Italy.

The Representation of Minorities in the British Parliament.

JAPAN.

The Port of Tamanga Opened to Foreign Commerce.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Further advices from China state that the Port of Tamanga, in Japan, had been designated by the Japanese Government for the use of foreigners, and had been thrown open to the commerce of all nations in accordance with the agreement made with the foreign representatives of Osaca.

ITALY.

The Cholera on the Increase.

PARIS, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The accounts of the cholera received from various parts of Italy do not improve. They represent that the epidemic is spreading and is attended with unusual fatality.

HUNGARY.

The Revenue Returns to the Austrian Treasury.

PESTH, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The amount of revenue returned by Hungary to the treasury of the Austrian Empire will be the same as it was before she constituted a separate Kingdom.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Financial.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Noon.

Consols are firmer and quoted at 94⅞ for money.

United States Five-twenty Bonds are weak at....74¼
Illinois Central Railway Shares.....78
Erie Railway Shares.....46
Atlantic and Great Western Consolidated Bonds..21¾

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14—2 P. M.

Consols have declined 1-16 and are now at 94 13-16 for money.

United States Five-Twenty Bonds have declined ⅛ and the quotation now is 74.

Illinois Central Railway Shares..... 78
Erie Railway Shares..... 46
Atlantic and Great Western Consolidated Bonds. 21¾

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Evening.

Consols closed strong at 94⅞, for money.

American Securities closed at the following rates:
United States Five-Twenty Bonds.....74
Illinois Central Railway Shares.....78
Erie Railway Shares.....45¾
Atlantic and Great Western Consolidated Bonds..21¾

FRANKFORT, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Evening.

United States Bonds closed steady at 71¾, for the issue of 1862.

Commercial.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Noon.

Cotton is firmer and more active; estimated sales to day 15,000 bales.

Middling Uplands..... .....10¾d.
Middling Orleans.....11d.

BREADSTUFFS—Wheat—13s. 8d. for White California. Corn, 38s. 9d. for new. Barley, 5s. Oats, 3s. 1d. Peas, 42s. 6d.

PROVISIONS—Cheese, 52s. 9d. Beef, 136s. 6d. Lard, 49s. 9d. Pork, 75s. 6d. Bacon, 44s.

PRODUCE—Resin, common, 7s. 6d.; middling, 13s. Tallow, 44s. 6d. Spirits of Turpentine, 33s. 3d. Pot Ashes, 31s. Petroleum, spirits, 8½d.; refined, 1s. 4d. Cloverseed, 41s.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Noon.

No. 12 Dutch Standard Sugar, 25s. 6d. Scotch Pig Iron, 53s. Whale Oil, £32. Sperm Oil, £115. Linseed Cakes, £10. Calcutta Linseed, 68s. 6d. Linseed Oil, £39 10s.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Noon.

Advices received from Foo Chow Foo state that 24,000,000 pounds of the new crop of tea have been sold.

Petroleum closed at 43f. at Antwerp last evening for Standard White.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Aug. 14—2 P. M.

Cotton continues to rule quite firm, but is not so active as at the opening. The sales to-day will not amount to over 12,000 bales.

Middling Uplands.....10⅝d.
Middling Orleans.....11d.

Breadstuffs are without change.

In the Provision market, Cheese has declined to 51s. 9d. The quotations for Beef, Pork, Bacon and Lard are the same as at noon.

No change has taken place in the Produce market.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14—2 P. M.

The prices of all articles are the same as at noon.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Evening.

COTTON.—The Cotton market closed firm, with an advance of ⅛d. The following are the authorized closing quotations:

Middling Uplands.....10¾d
Middling Orleans.....11¼d

BREADSTUFFS—The market closed generally unchanged from the opening quotations. Corn, 38s. 9d. Wheat, 13s. 8d. Barley, 5s. Oats, and Peas unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Cheese dull at 51s 9d. for American. Beef 136s. 6d., and Pork 75s. 6d. ℔ bbl. Lard and Bacon unchanged.

PRODUCE—Common Resin, 7s. 6d.; Medium do., 13s.; Spirits Turpentine, 33s. 3d.; Tallow, 44s. 6d.; Petroleum—Spirits 8½d., and Standard white 1s. 4d. ℔ gallon.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Evening.

Sugar and Iron steady at previous quotations. No change in Oils and Linseeds is reported.

The Weather.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 14—2 P. M.

The weather here is very hot.

MARINE NEWS.

Marine Disaster.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Noon.

Intelligence has been received here that the ship *Joseph Holmes*, Capt. CROCKER, which sailed from Calcutta on the 3d of May last, for Boston, has put into Mauritius leaking.

Arrival Out.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Aug. 14—Noon.

United States frigate *Minnesota* has arrived at Plymouth. All on board of her are well.

NEWS BY STEAMSHIP.

The steamship *City of London*, with advices to July 31, arrived at this port about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Her advices are mainly anticipated.

The steamship *Java*, from Liverpool, Aug. 3, *via* Queenstown, Aug. 4, reached Boston yesterday, too late for her mails to reach us in season for this morning's paper.

The steamship *Western Metropolis*, from Bremen *via* Southampton, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Debate on the Representation of Minorities.

From the London Times, July 31.

The House of Lords has, by a single vote, covered many errors, and justified the opinions of its warmest admirers. The proposal of Lord CAIRNS for the Representation of Minorities in constituencies returning three members, was carried last night by a majority of 91. Such a triumph of reason and truth may well startle us, accustomed as we have been during this session to the rapid growth of convictions. The supposed crotchet of yesterday has become a fact. Received, at first, by all sections of the political world with the judicious caution which befits Englishmen trained in the school of practical life, the idea of modifying our electoral machinery so as to secure three-membered constituencies the proportionate representation of both the great divisions of party has made its way by its inherent justice. The verdict of the Lords has been decisive, but we do not believe that it in any degree outstrips the independent opinion of the House of Commons, still less that it is at variance with the deliberate judgment of the country. It has been everywhere confessed that the adoption in one form or another of the principle of cumulative voting was essential to maintain the character of our institutions, and that through it, and through it alone, could the redistribution of electoral power, which all prescient statesmen recognise as inevitable, be reconciled with the preservation of our representative Government.

The arguments on behalf of the proposal advanced by Lord CAIRNS were overwhelming. One and all of the speakers saw in the proposed Representation of Minorities a suggestion consonant with the strictest principles of justice and equity, and therefore to be depended upon as stable when artificial securities must prove worthless, and which would, at the same time, secure, throughout all extensions of democratic reform, their proper share in the government of the country to the power, the wealth, the intellect, and the education of the nation. It is not the least admirable characteristic of the debate that this essential justification of the amendment moved by Lord CAIRNS was apprehended by all who urged its adoption. It might have been supposed that some incidental and trifling advantage would have been thrust into prominence, and, perhaps, acknowledged by a speaker here and there as the supreme motive which induced him to support the proposal. Nothing of the kind was said. The detailed operation of the scheme was, indeed, amply explained, so that it was evident the majority had not lightly taken up an amendment they had not examined, but no one suffered details to obscure the main recommendations of the plan. The whole debate was of a character to sustain the high reputation of the House of Lords.

Lord CAIRNS analyzed the effect of his proposal on the composition of Parliament, on the legislative character of the members representing the three-membered constituencies, and on the constituencies themselves. It is only necessary to remember that the House of Commons counsels and deliberates, as well as votes, to see how necessary it is to the due performance of its functions that it should contain members representing all sections of the community. The power of decision can never be endangered by the proportionate representation of minorities, but the deliberate formation of opinion is exposed to great hazard if the moderating influences of dissenting minorities be excluded. Parliament itself must be improved by the addition of such men as will be chosen by the wealthy and intelligent merchants and manufacturers who are now unrepresented in the largest towns, and of the members who will be returned by the Liberal minorities of counties. The effect of adopting Lord CAIRN's amendment on the members for three-membered constituencies must be equally beneficial, and its consequences on the constituencies themselves will prove of transcendant importance. The voters who are now hopelessly outvoted, and whose political energies become feeble by disuse, will start into fresh vitality. Enfranchised in deed, and not merely in name, they will be animated by the consciousness of power. They will be brought into direct relation with the Legislature.

FRANCE.

Rumors of War—Their Truth Officially Denied.

From le Moniteur Officiel, July 29.

Various organs of the French and foreign Press publish as well founded, statements which are of a nature to carry doubt and disquietude into the operations of commerce and industry. Our international relations, it is persistently alleged, are strained, and justify the presentiment of a war, more or less close at hand. To give an appearance of probability to these assertions, the formation of two new corps on our eastern frontier is announced; preparations are said to be actively going on in the War Department, and it is also said that the effective of the army is maintained at the strength which it had attained toward the end of April last. Those rumors are totally destitute of foundation. They can only be produced and propagated by hostile passions, interested speculations, and a highly lamentable credulity. The truth is this—there is no diplomatic question before the Emperors' Government of a nature to modify its peaceful and friendly relations with the various Powers. The Cabinet of Florence has taken the most energetic measures to protect the Pontifical frontier against every attempt, and the Convention of the 15th of September, 1864, will be resolutely executed. No new camp is to be established either in the interior or on the frontiers of the Empire. The soldiers belonging to the classes of 1860 and '61 have been dismissed to their homes since the 1st of June. The active army comprises at the present moment only the four contingents belonging to the classes of 1862, '63, '64 and '65. That of 1866 will be incorporated toward the close of August, but the intention of the Government is to dismiss the men of 1862 at the same period. From the 1st of September, therefore, the active army will comprise only the contingents of four classes out of seven. The effective of horses has been sensibly increased in consequence of purchases made in April, but the Minister of War has decided that eight or ten thousand of them shall be placed in the hands of agriculturists, and that measure is in course of execution. The Government feels confident that these precise declarations will dissipate the doubts which have taken possession of the public mind.

Gen. Dix on Mexican Affairs.

From la Liberté, July 30.

It is said that in a conversation between Gen. DIX, the United States Minister in Paris, and one of his diplomatic friends, the Minister remarked that the United States would pay but little heed to the suggestion indirectly made by France that the Government should seize upon Mexico. Gen. DIX is supposed to have added: "When the American Government thinks of such a thing, it will not ask France whether she will authorize us to act thus or not. But the time is not yet at hand. Why should we use force to annex a State that sooner or later will be compelled to implore us to be admitted into the Union?"

ITALY.

Proclamation of the National Insurrection Committees.

ROMANS! The general desire, the wish of all those who love honor and their country is to be realized. No more dissension, no more divisions. All the friends of the Liberal Party, notwithstanding their political creeds, have joined hands; they have united their strength to overthrow and forever the little remainder of the Papal temporal power and to give Rome to Italy.

The National Roman Committee and the Centre of Insurrection are transformed into a National Roman Commission, which will lead affairs. Let us rejoice in such concord, and let us strengthen it with unity of faith, discipline, purpose and sacrifices. The Roman fasces is now found; let us never break it asunder, and it will soon give us the victory.

ROMANS! The respectable citizens who represent the National Roman Commission are worthy of their high mission, but they could do nothing without your cooperation. In good faith second them and the undertaking will be crowned with success. If we are all of one sentiment, soon twenty-five millions of Italian brothers will hail Rome as the capital of Italy.

IL COMITATO NAZIONALE ROMANO.
IL CENTRO D'INSURREZIONE.

ROME, July 13, 1867.

Convention of the Pennsylvania Negro Equal Rights League in Reading, Penn.

READING, Penn., Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The Pennsylvania Negro Equal Rights League held two harmonious and enthusiastic sessions here to-day. There was a very full attendance, and several speeches were delivered—one by the President, WM. NESBIT; another by the Chaplain, JOSEPH R. NELSON—expressing joy at the progress made by the League in its educational efforts, and promising the day was not far distant when negroes would vote in Pennsylvania.

Capt. E. H. RAUCH, a white soldier of DICK COULTER's Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, spoke at length. Pennsylvania was no longer a slave-hunting ground, thanks to THADDEUS STEVENS. [The mention of Mr. STEVENS' name drew forth unbounded applause.] He promised that soon the right of franchise must be vested in the negro.

In the afternoon a series of resolutions were passed thanking the Legislature for the bill granting negroes the right to ride in public conveyances; thanking Congress for its protection; congratulating the country on the Republican victory in Tennessee; counselling the negroes of the South to stand by the Republicans, who are the only hope here and there; and appointing a Committee to visit Congress and press the extension of the Franchise Bill to every State in the Union.

Much unimportant business was transacted. A letter from an Irish attorney of Schuylkill County was read, promising his hearty support of the efforts for negro suffrage in Pennsylvania.

The Convention will remain in session to-morrow. A mass meeting of negroes will be held this evening.

Base Ball Matters—The World's Tournament at Detroit, Mich.—Match Game at Northampton, Mass.

DETROIT, Mich., Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The World's Base Ball Tournament is proving to be a great success, and many of the best clubs in the country are present. The principal attraction for to-morrow will be a match between the champion clubs of Canada and Pennsylvania. The playing to-day was all done by the State clubs. The attendance was very large.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The match game of base ball at Northampton to-day, between the Hasty Club of Florence, and the Union Club of Leeminster, N. Y., was won by the latter, the score standing 37 to 9.

THE TURF.

The National Horse Fair in Buffalo—Dexter Terots Against Time.

BUFFALO, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

There was a very large and fashionable assemblage at the Horse Fair this afternoon to witness the trotting of *Dexter* against time. About 6,000 persons were inside the track, among whom was a fair sprinkling of ladies belonging to our best society. The sky was bright and clear, and a fine breeze made the day comfortable and the scene enjoyable.

The first trot was the continuation of the 2:30 race which was yesterday interrupted by the darkness. At 2:30 P. M. *McClellan*, *May Queen* and *Mellon* started. *May Queen* took the first heat in 2:30½, and *Mellon* the second and third heats in 2:33 and 2:32.

The excitement was now at fever heat to see *Dexter* trot. As the noble animal came to the stand he was greeted with deafening cheers. DAN MACE rode a mare to push *Dexter*.

On the first trial *Dexter* made the quarter mile in 33 seconds, the half mile in 1 minute 10 seconds, and the mile in 2 minutes 20½ seconds.

On the second trial he made the quarter in 33 1-5 seconds, the half in 1 minute 7 seconds, and the mile in 2 minutes 17¼ seconds.

When the announcement of the result was made, three tremendous cheers were given for *Dexter* and his owner.

The time is the best ever made in harness by 1¾ seconds.

Dexter was sold this afternoon to ROBERT BONNER for $30,000, and is to be delivered to the purchaser after the Chicago races, when he will be retired from the turf, unless he should be occasionally exhibited at the Buffalo Fa'rs.

The following dispatch of Mr. BONNER announces the purchase of the horse:

BUFFALO, Aug. 14, 1867.

"I saw Niagara Falls this morning for the first time, and came down here this afternoon to see the other great wonder, *Dexter*, trot, when he beat the world, having trotted in the unprecedented time of 2:17¼. You know I like to secure all the best things, and as I could not buy the Falls, I did the next best thing, and bought *Dexter*. He will go to my stable next month."

The gray gelding *Mellon* was sold some time since to a Detroit lady for $8,000 in gold, on condition that he should make 2:32 this season. He made the time to-day, and is considered sold.

In the 2:40 race to-day, for premiums amounting to $4,100, twelve horses entered, eight started. MACE's gray gelding took the two first heats in 2:35½ and 2:37½. *Dutchman* won the third heat in 2:34½, *Cuyhaya* made the fourth heat in 2:36¼, *Dutchman* the fifth in 2:35 and the sixth in 2:34½.

To-morrow there will be a splendid race for premiums to the amount of $2,500. Ten horses entered, among whom are *Butler*, *Silas Rich*, *Black Maria*, *Fearless*, *Ethan*, and *Honest Allen*.

Political Meeting at Fortress Monroe—Address of Gov. Peirpoint.

FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, Aug. 12.

Gov. PEIRPOINT addressed a large meeting of whites and blacks at Norfolk on the night of the 10th inst. He urged the necessity of the unity of the whites and blacks in the work of reconstruction as commenced by Congress. He said there was to be a new government in Virginia. Its principles will be equal rights before the law for all men, and in the advantage of education, and those skeptics standing in the way of Republicanism would be crushed by the car of progress. He was frequently interrupted by applause.

Gov. PEIRPOINT was followed by Dr. BAYORE, (colored,) one of the delegates to the Richmond Convention, who urged his colored hearers to adopt habits of industry and frugality.

Gov. PEIRPOINT left Norfolk this morning for Suffolk, where he will repeat his address.

Arrived at Norfolk, schooners *Lilly Walford* and *Mary Augusta*, from Baltimore; *Magnolia*, from Rockwell, N. Y.; steamer *George Appald*, from Boston.

The pilot-boat reports having boarded to-day the brig *Leander* (before reported by telegraph) in the Chesapeake Bay. She was from Baltimore, in ballast, bound to Nassau. Had fine weather till the 30th ult., in lat. 24° 15' N., lon. 71° 18' W., in when, at 3 P. M., she was caught in an E. S. E. gale, and was thrown on her beam ends, and her foremast had to be cut away to save the vessel.

The pilot also reports the ship *Bremmerhaven*, from Bremen; the schooner *Mary Kelly*, from St. Johns, and schooner *Renshaw*, from Charleston for Baltimore.

Lads Drowned at Waldoboro, Maine.

WALDOBORO, Me., Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Yesterday afternoon, WILDER and WILLIE HALL, sons of AMBROSE HALL of this town, aged 12 and 8 years, and SERETT CREAMER, aged 16, were drowned in Kabes' Pond. They attempted to cross the pond in a boat, and capsized. The bodies were recovered, and little WILLIE was found standing on his feet clutching the grass with his hands.

An American Ship Burned at Sea.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The ship *Nellie Fogarty*, from New-York for San Francisco, was burned at sea July 1. The crew were saved and landed at Pernambuco previous to July 13. No further particulars have been received.

Movements of Ex-Secretary Stanton.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War, arrived in this city this morning. He is stopping at the Continental Hotel. He leaves to-morrow for the White Mountains.

Recovery of the Body of Postmaster Gilmore of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The body of Col. D. A. GILMORE, late Postmaster of this city, was found in the lake this morning at the foot of Harrison-street. His funeral will take place to-morrow.

Registration in South Carolina.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Six hundred and forty-four persons were registered to-day, of whom 162 were whites, and 482 negroes.

Admiral Tegethoff in New-Orleans.

NEW-ORLEANS, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Admiral TEGETHOFF arrived in this city last evening. He will await here the orders of the Austrian Government.

Sailing of the China.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The steamship *China* sailed this morning for Liverpool, *via* Halifax and Queenstown, taking sixty-one passengers and $30,000 in specie.

Card from Mr. Bradley Relative to His Altercation with Judge Fisher.

To the Editors of the National Intelligencer:

GENTLEMEN: I have hitherto forborne to take any notice of the various misrepresentations which have been industriously circulated in the public prints in regard to my altercation with Judge FISHER on the 3d of July last, and would still forbear if I consulted my own will and judgment only. In yielding to the wishes of others, I shall make a very brief statement. In the course of that altercation Judge FISHER said he was then sick, but I knew where to find him or words to that effect; and he held himself responsible in every form for what he said or did. We were then engaged in a trial involving a man's life, and I told him I would wait. After he had given me this plain intimation, he applied to me the most offensive and opprobrious epithets. I waited till that trial was over, and he had recovered his health, when I delivered to him on Saturday last a note, of which the following is a true copy:

WASHINGTON, August 6, 1867.

Hon. George P. Fisher:

SIR: In the altercation which occurred between us, when you returned to the court-room after the adjournment on the 2d of July last, you observed that you were then sick, and were pleased to add, "You know where to find me, and I hold myself responsible in every form for whatever I say or do," or words to that effect, after which you applied to me the most opprobrious epithets. There is but one interpretation of such an intimation received among gentlemen.

I told you I could wait, and I am gratified to find you have recovered, and that the trial of the then pending case being now closed, we are both at liberty.

That no time may be unnecessarily lost, I beg you will let me know, as soon as you conveniently can, when it will suit you to meet me out of this District, that we may arrange to our mutual satisfaction, the points of difference between us, without incurring the risk and odium which might accompany any controversy here or in public.

With the same view, I take the liberty to hand you this note in person.

And am, sir, your most obedient servant,
JOS. H. BRADLEY.

Since then I have not heard from him, and now feel myself at liberty to make it public. I have only further to add that the alteration to which he refers, in his judgment expelling me from the Bar, did not take place until after the Court had adjourned; he had left the Court-room, and, as I believe, the Court-house, when he returned, and we met casually. Of this fact I have indisputable proof. Nor did I offer him any insult or indignity in approaching him; nor did he make any explanation, or offer any, or say that he did not intend to insult me; nor did I threaten, or even think of offering him any personal indignity or chastisement. He complained of being sick, and no man who knows me will believe that I would have touched him. I believe he was sick, for he challenged me to go out and fight him, and repeated it. He certainly would not have done so if he had been well. He seems to have acted under a strong delusion or misapprehension of the facts, and still labors under it. The Bar having, without my knowledge and against my will, taken charge of the investigation of the facts, I shall await their report before I present my statement to the public, or the proofs by which it can be supported. In the meanwhile I know my friends will take my word for it that I have neither said nor done anything which I have to regret, and I request those who do not know me to suspend their judgment until the facts are known. JOSEPH H. BRADLEY.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

A CRUEL SWINDLE.—Mrs. HAMILTON, a seamstress, residing at No. 118 East Twenty-seventh-street, sent her son CHARLES, 8 years of age, to the store of E. W. SPAULDING, No. 497 Third-avenue, with a bundle of shirts valued at $50, which she had just completed. The boy was met by a stranger, who asked him to run on an errand for him. CHARLES consented, and accompanied the man to the corner of Lexington-avenue and Twenty-seventh-street, where he received a model of No. 8 Truck, M. F. D. The man then told the boy to run to the house of Engine Company No. 6, which he said was near by, and offered to hold the shirts until his return. After wandering about the neighborhood in the vain endeavor to find the engine-house, the poor little fellow returned and discovered that his unknown employer had disappeared with the shirts. The mother is in sore distress at the loss, as the amount is too large for her slender means.

FIRE IN BETHUNE-STREET.—A fire occurred yesterday morning at 3 o'clock in the cooper shop attached to the Empire Plaster Mills, of which GUSTAVE ISAACS is the owner. The flames extended to the main building, a four-story brick structure, in rear of Nos. 21, 23 and 25 Bethune-street, resulting in considerable damage. The loss on premises is estimated at $6,000, and a similar amount in stock and machinery. Insured as follows: Fireman's, Bowery and Commonwealth, $3,000 each; People's and Firemen's Fund, $2,400 each; and the Irving for $1,500. The rear of No. 19 Bethune-street, occupied by P. C. BERGET, was slightly damaged; loss, $200; insured for $800 in the Niagara. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin.

MERCANTILE TOWING ASSOCIATION.—The association of owners and Captains of towboats, organized for the purpose of protesting against, and, if possible, securing the repeal of the law compelling them to employ pilots in coming through Hell Gate, met last evening at the Washington Hotel and elected the following permanent officers: L. BOYER, President; A. V. SUMNER, Vice-President; A. C. NICKERSON, Treasurer; A. R. BERRY, Secretary. It was announced that several more Captains of tugboats had been arrested during the past week and held to bail. The association adjourned to Wednesday evening next.

LIFE-SAVING APPARATUS.—Some experiments were made at Long Branch, a day or two ago, with a new life-saving apparatus, consisting of a mattress filled with cork, capable of being used on an ordinary bed, and of maintaining in the water the weight of one or two persons. Several persons jumped into the water, each provided with one of these mattresses, and reached shore by paddling with their hands. The invention, which is called Golding's life-saving mattress, appears to be worthy of notice. It is doubtful, however, whether it would be of much use in a rough sea.

FATAL TRUCK ACCIDENT.—Capt. MILLEVILLE OLIPHANT, of the brig *Mischief*, was accidentally run over by a truck on the 1st inst., as he was crossing from Bowling Green to the Washington Hotel, while dodging an omnibus. The first and second toes of his left foot were fractured and crushed so severely that the patient died yesterday at the New-York Hospital from asthemia. Coroner SCHIRMER held an inquest, and the jury found a verdict of accidental death. Deceased was a native of Virginia and 50 years of age.

CENSURE BY A CORONER'S JURY.—Coroner GAMBLE held an inquest yesterday at Bellevue Hospital over the body of MICHAEL KILLEEN, a native of Ireland, and 00 years of age, who died from a dislocation of the dorsal vertebræ, and fracture of both legs, the result of a fall into an excavation at the corner of First-avenue and Forty-second-street on the night of the 10th inst. As the evidence showed that guards had not been properly put up by the contractor, JOHN VOORHIES, the jury censured him for such neglect.

THE FIRST UNION COOPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETY.—The members of the above Society met last evening, at Farmer's Institute, No. 49 Ludlow-street, for the purpose of paying in their sixth subscription, and at the close of the evening the sum amounted to $779 10, including $74 50 for member's subscription. The total sum in bank is now $3,298 95. The Second Coöoperative Building Society will hold a meeting at the above rooms, on Friday evening. All working men are cordially invited.

WOMAN FOUND DROWNED.—The remains of an unknown woman, about 25 years of age, were found yesterday floating in the East River, near Pier No. 18. The body was removed to the Morgue, where Coroner SCHIRMER intends holding an inquest to-day. The deceased was neatly dressed, and in the dress pocket were found an embroidered handkerchief, a pawnticket for a ring, a pair of earrings and a plain gold ring marked "A. W."

ATTEMPT TO ROB A BANK MESSENGER.—Yesterday morning as a messenger from one of the Wall-street banking-houses was passing through Pine-street, with a bag of gold upon his shoulder, some thief cut a hole in the bag and ran off, leaving his confederate to gather up the scattered coin. The first thief was captured by the aid of an appie merchant, and the gold was recovered by the assistance of those who witnessed the trick.

DROWNED BOY.—The remains of JOHN ANDREW HAYES, aged 15, were found yesterday morning in the East River, near Thirty-fifth-street. The boy was removed to the Morgue, where Coroner GAMBLE held an inquest, the jury rendering a verdict of accidental death. The boy's parents reside at No. 332 East Thirty-fifth-street.

FOUNDLING.—A female infant, four weeks old, was found yesterday by Officer CLARK, of the Twenty-ninth Precint, under the stoop of No. 23 East Twenty-sixth-street. The child was committed to the care of the Commissioners of Charities.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

CHARGE OF SWINDLING.—A German named LEWIS P. DOLEMAN, aged thirty-three years, was arrested yesterday on the complaint of Rev. Mr. BROWN, of East New-York, who charges him with obtaining money by false representations. It appears that he obtained $1 from Mr. T. N. BROWN on representing that his wife was in the Lunatic Asylum, and that he desired to get her out. It is also charged that he attempted to get money from other parties on false pretences. The following letters were found in his possession:

The bearer is a returned soldier who has been wounded and a prisoner. He is a worthy man, a communicant in the Episcopal Church. He desires to raise $75 to procure an operation on a wounded limb. He only lacks a few dollars of the amount. I recommend him as worthy of help.

Rev. A. W. CORNELL, Jamaica.

AUG. 23, 1867.

The bearer of this, ERNEST MARX, is a returned soldier, who has been wounded and a prisoner. He is a worthy man, a member of the Reformed Dutch Church. He desires to raise the amount of $35 to obtain a caveat for an invention called by him "Medical and Surgical Elevator." I recommend him as worthy of help.

JOHN WERMOEDI,
Pastor of the Second Reformed Dutch Church,
Newtown, L. I.

DEC. 15, 1866.

The accused was brought to the Forty-first Precinct Station-house, and held to await examination on the charge made against him.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE SCHUTZEN CORPS.—The two days' festival of the Eastern District Schutzen Corps, at Hanft's Myrtle-avenue Park, was brought to a pleasant termination last evening. Mr. HENRY KARTEMEYER, of North Second-street, was declared King of the Eastern District Schutzen Corps, and Mr. HENRY EHLERS of the Western. The former gentleman was crowned amid the acclamations of assembled thousands. Miss EMMA GOEBEL was selected to deliver an address to His Majesty, and the young ladies of St. Paul's Lutheran Church assisted at the coronation, singing the song "Liberty forever." Capt. DIERCKS and others delivered brief addresses. Prizes, valued at from $5 to $50, were then distributed among the successful marksmen.

FIRE.—Yesterday morning, between 10 and 11 o'clock, a fire occurred in the hat factory of JOSEPH GLAW, in Flushing-avenue, near Graham-street, causing damage to the amount of $2,000, on which there was no insurance. The proprietor, Mr. GLAW, was considerably injured by the flames. The fire was caused by a defect in the chimney.

HOUSE ROBBERY.—Mr. B. F. SICK, residing at No. 263 Grand-street, E. D., reports that his house was robbed on Tuesday night of $9 in silver coin, $215 in Treasury notes, and jewelry valued at $50. An arrest on suspicion has been made.

Notice to the Public.

The Howe Machine Company's Sewing-Machines were awarded a Gold Medal by the International Jury of the Paris Exposition of 1867, for the best Sewing-machines exhibited; but some of our distanced competitors at the Exposition do not take their defeat kindly, and the *absurdity, as well as falsity*, of their assertion, "*That Elias Howe, Jr., received the Gold Medal for being the original inventor merely*," is at once evident, when we recollect that managers of fairs do not give valuable medals for inventions, *but for articles exhibited*. The Howe Sewing-machines were on exhibition at Paris, (and not Elias Howe, Jr.,) *and there* were what gave us the highest honors of the Exposition.

"The Jury on Sewing-machines, who had the task of testing and awarding prizes for excellence, unanimously decided that Mr. Howe was not only entitled to great honors as the inventor of the Sewing-machine, but that he carried off the prize as a manufacturer as well and to him was awarded accordingly the first of the only two Gold Medals assigned to this class."

We wish nothing but what rightfully belongs to us, and that we mean to have.

The public has no idea of the unfair means which have been used in Paris by the representatives of some of the rival companies to *defraud* us of our fairly earned honors on the merits of our Sewing-machines, of which we put on exhibition quite a number to compete with the rest of the world for the great prize.

Our President, Elias Howe, Jr., was not entered for competition, but the Sewing-machines which we manufacture were.

THE HOWE MACHINE COMPANY,
LEVI S. STOCKWELL, Treasurer,
No. 699 Broadway.

The other was given to a French machine.—Advertisement.

Pro Bono Publico.

OFFICE OF THE HOWE MACHINE COMPANY,
No. 699 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Aug. 7, 1867.

Official Report *of the full Board* of the Imperial Commission of the Paris Exposition of 1867, on Sewing Machines (and not of one member of the International Jury.)

LEVI S. STOCKWELL, Treas.

PARIS UNIVERSAL EXHIBITION, 1867.
IMPERIAL COMMISSION,
London, July 1, 1867.

JURORS AWARD.

Gold Medal, being the Highest Award for Sewing-Machines.

DEAR SIR: We have the pleasure of advising you of this Award, as per lists just received from the Imperial Commission. Yours faithfully,

(Signed,) J. M. JOHNSON & SONS,
Sole Commissionnaires.

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Coöperateurs, Elias Howe, Jr., Promoteur de la Machine a coudre, Elias Howe, Jr. Fabricante de Machine a coudre exposans. — WHEELER & WILSON. Machine a coudre a faire les boutonnieres.

TRANSLATION. — TRANSLATION.

Coöperators, Elias Howe, Jr. Promoters and Advancers of Sewing-Machine. Manufacturers of Sewing-Machines, Exhibitor. — Sewing-Machines to make button holes.

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Le President: MELINET.

GEORGES KASTNER, AMBROISE THOMAS,
ED. HANSLICK, F. A. GEVAERT."

TRANSLATION.

I certify that the First Gold Medal for American Pianos has been unanimously awarded to Messrs. Steinway by the Jury of the International Exposition.

First on the list in Class X.

MELINET,
President of International Jury.

GEORGES KASTNER, AMBROISE THOMAS, ED. HANSLICK, F. A. GEVAERT, J. SCHIEDMAYER. } Members of the International Jury.

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Exposition Universelle, Paris, 1867.

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METROPOLITAN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Action on the Proposed Reduction of Salaries in the Department.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held yesterday, all being present, President EMALEN in the chair.

After the usual amount of routine business had been transacted the special order of the last meeting was called up, it being a resolution by Mr. ABBE to rescind the resolution adopted by the Board July 17, providing for the appointment of acting firemen at a salary of $700 per annum.

Mr. ABBE moved the adoption of the resolution of recision, and addressed the Board substantially as follows:

REMARKS OF MR. ABBE.

"It is with great reluctance which nothing but an imperative sense of duty could overcome, that I ask the Board to reconsider and reverse its action in which I to a certain extent concurred, respecting a reduction of the pay of the firemen hereafter to be appointed, from $1,000 to $700 per annum. Yielding to the laudable impulse of the Board, to retrench its expenses and reduce the cost of the Department to the tax-paying public, I acquiesced in the adoption of the resolution. Yet I did so rather as a choice of evils between $500 and $700, than from a conviction that there should be any reduction at all. In fact, at the time I was impressed with the impolicy of any reduction, and subsequent reflection has confirmed and intensified that impression into a conviction which has compelled me to introduce this resolution at recision, for which I most earnestly invoke your careful consideration. In the first place it is conceded by the Board in the statement of the Committee on the subject, setting forth the reasons and grounds of the proposed reduction, that the action of the Legislature last Winter in increasing the pay of firemen to $1,000 per annum, was in accordance with the general advance in the price of labor keeping pace with the increased expense of living. It seems to me that this admission is not only a justification of the action of the Legislature in directing the increase of pay, but an unanswerable argument against reducing it, even if we were authorized to set aside the peremtory mandate of the law-making power in this particular. The central and controlling idea of the Legislature in creating our Board was to establish a Paid Fire Department, to take the place of the volunteer firemen, whose great incentives to engage in the laborious and hazardous service of preventing and extinguishing fires, were to increase the facilities of the plunderers and mobocrats to organize into companies and brigades of crime. It is undeniable that the volunteer system supplied not only the pretext, but also, to a large extent, the means, the material aid, for concentrating and organizing the criminal classes of the City, under the sanction of law and usage, for their raids of pillage and plunder upon society. The engine-house was to them an entrenched camp, wherein they could plan crime in safety, and seek immunity from its pepetration. This fearful feature of the volunteer system excited the citizens with alarm and terror, it filled the State with apprehensions and dread, and, in obedience to that feeling, the Legislature abolished the Volunteer Department altogether, and established the Paid Fire Department, and, as I have said, the controlling index in creating our department was to do away with every semblance of the volunteer system, every feature that would authorize, in the slightest degree, or give ground for a toleration of the license and immunity for the men who might voluntarily render public service without pay, in protecting the property and lives of citizens and strangers from fire. To that end the services of paid, not half paid, firemen were provided for, and we are directed to look to that the letter of the law is executed in this particular. It is our duty to inquire what was the legislative intention in directing this increase of pay. And I ask you was it not to attract to the ranks of the force a superior class of men? Was it not a recognition of the importance and dignity of the service they are called upon to perform? And was it not in the nature of a mandate to us to employ none but the worthiest and best men in the service of the Department? The was undoubtedly the purpose of the Legislature in directing the increase of the pay, and it is our duty to accept the legislative intention and administer our Department in conformity with it.

It should be borne in mind that the property under our protection is upward of one thousand millions of dollars, and that in a certain sense we are the insurers and custodians of it. I feel the responsibility of this great trust, and no duty that I am called upon to exercise in connection with it affects me so seriously as the appointment of a single man, not only with reference to the physical control he may exercise over the ravages of a conflagration, but because we place him in a position where with impunity he may be the torch-bearer smuggled into our force that will light an hundred fires and shield the pillage of our citizens. In the appointment of our firemen, more than any other branch of our duties, are we called upon to exercise our greatest discretion and our most mature judgment. In the selection of a fireman our first question is: Is he honest? What reputable citizens will vouch for his character? Is he recommended by an honorable discharge from the kindred service of the army or navy? Was he among the honored exceptions of the old Volunteer Department? Has he strength in his hands and agility in his feet? Will a reputable surgeon certify that he is sound in limb and body, of a robust constitution, good eyesight and hearing, and physically qualified to perform the duties and withstand the exposure of a fireman's pursuit?" With us these qualifications, physical and moral, are indispensable, and in demanding them the Legislature comprehended and provided for the pay of our firemen. The Legislature said to us, in substance, in fixing the present salary, seek out from the "worthiest, bravest and best a body of honorable and faithful men as your fire soldiers; let the service suffer no decline from the want of a pecuniary incentive to engage in it." For my part, I do not feel authorized to lower, or to adopt any policy that will diminish or tend to diminish the character of the service, or render it less desirable as a pursuit. The reduction of firemen's salaries will, in my judgment, have that tendency. It will have the effect to repel a class of men who would be willing to permanently connect themselves with the force as a pursuit for life, and attract and supply in their places those only who are temporarily wanting employment and are driven by their necessities to accept service in the ranks for the time being, until more congenial and better employment can be offered them. The efficiency of the Department depends largely upon the permanency of the firemen, whom it should be our duty to create into a body of experienced veterans, trained and disciplined by long service, and whose effectiveness shall not be impaired by adopting into it from time to time raw recruits, who, if qualified to perform the duties of firemen, would only temporarily remain in the service. We are endeavoring to supply by discipline, character, experience and pay, the place of numbers, and to that end have undertaken to do with five hundred firemen the work performed by five thousand under the old system; and, in my judgment, our efforts will succeed or fail in proportion to the encouragement we give to, and the care we exercise over the chosen few to whom is confided the herculean and perilous task of preventing and combating the outbreaks of the fiery elements in this metropolis. This chosen few is the pedestal on which our Department stands, and in proportion as we weaken, neglect or degrade them, and deny their just claims to compensation, we imperil the existence, safety and usefulness of the structure which we are raising. It being admitted by this Board that $1,000 is a just and fair compensation for the yearly service of a fireman, it is no argument in justification of reducing that salary to say that there are numerous applicants standing ready to engage in the service at $700. If it were, to be consistent, a paid Fire Department should be abolished altogether, for it was claimed as the crowning feature and especial merit of the old Department that thousands were eager to engage in the service without pay. The same argument could be applied to each of us around the table, for there are thousands in the City that would eagerly assume our duties without compensation. There is not a position of profit, honor or trust in this City or nation, but that designing men, ambitions of power and influence and the hope of gain, through patronage and peculation, would willingly assume, and waive the salary fixed by law. Again it is urged in justification of the proposed reduction that the burdens of administrating the City Government are oppressing the tax-payer with an onerous and oppressive weight, and that the measure is called for as a measure of relief to them. Where are they that call for retrenchment in this particular? Certainly not the tax-payers, but on the contrary all with whom I have conversed, and I have been diligent in my inquiries in this respect, that have any knowledge of the duties of our firemen, concede that their compensation is all-to enough. The expenses of this Department are comparatively small considering the vast amount of labor performed, and costs no more to-day, as I am abundantly prepared to show at any time, than did the Volunteer Department, which many citizens have been led to think cost nothing. I undertake to say that no branch of the public service is more economically administered than this, and a court investigation by its bitterest enemies, for retrenchment is demanded in this City, considerations of public safety will induce the reformer to look elsewhere than to this Department to begin his work. He will go on the last or first pleasant day of the month to the City Hall Bank where he will find vibrating between the several public offices and the Comptroller's sanctum, from two to three hundred men, each of whom are receiving, yes, many of them double the amount the hard-worked firemen receive, without any consideration being returned in the way of service. Their greatest day's labor occurs on the days mentioned when they are required to receipt for their warrant, and in some cases I understand they even object to that, but send a messenger to collect for them; there, if anywhere, should retrenchment and reform commence, and there is where ambitiuous individual, the taxpayer, requires it, not here. In this Department, I assert, there is more labor performed, more discipline required, more vigilance exercised, more expense in uniform in proportion to the amount received, than any other service, be it military, naval or civil. Then, with what justice, or upon what plea, can we still further reduce his compensation? This clamor for retrenchment, this demand to deprive the fireman, who snatches his means of existence from the devouring flames as a brand from the burning, of his lawful pay comes from the very officials who have swelled their pay-rolls with numerous appointees. I cannot listen with patience to the suggestions from the various officers of the City to reduce the pay of our firemen, every man of whom is engaged in the daily performance of arduous, perilous and excessive duties, under regulations that at once combine the stern discipline of the soldier who is constantly under arms to answer the alarms of an ever-impending assault and the confinement of a prisoner within the narrow limits of an engine-house. If salaries are to be reduced, let those officials strike from the pay-rolls of the City the hundreds of useless supernumeraries which are now upon them; let them cut down the salaries of a multitude of useless clerks with which every bureau and department swarms, but let them retrain from making war upon our firemen and upon the Divine precept that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." Thus far I have treated the question as one of pure policy. I have assumed that we possessed the power to employ men to act in the capacity of firemen at a remuneration less than that fixed by law. But I do not believe that we have any such right. We are a Board clothed with certain definite powers, and must strictly exercise them and no other and different ones. We are authorized to employ firemen, and only firemen, in our force. The grade or position of acting firemen is unknown to the law, which simply authorizes us to employ in the service a body of men known as firemen, and provides "that the salary of firemen shall be $1,000 per annum until specie payment is resumed." We have no more right to degenerate the force by introducing into it an inferior rank or grade of firemen, than we have to create a grade superior to that of firemen designated in the law. And it is my opinion that any such employment is unlawful and utterly void, and that an injunction would lie to restrain us from making compensation to any class of firemen except those who are known in the law as "firemen," and whose salaries are fixed at $1,000 per annum, and are required by the rules and regulations of this Board to devote their entire time to the service of this Department. If I am correct in this view, we shall render ourselves personally liable if we employ and pay any but the firemen which the statute contemplates. It will be observed that the language of the law is mandatory: "The salary of firemen shall be $1,000 per annum until specie payment is resumed;" and when I take into consideration the fact that, prior to the passage of this law, the Commissioners had a discretionary power in fixing the salaries, and that an appeal from their decision was taken to the Legislature on this very question; that there it was argued fully before able and intelligent Committees, passed both Houses by an almost unanimous vote, and after encountering the severe scrutiny of the Governor, received his sanction, I feel that the sovereign power of the State has interposed between us and the firemen, and commanded us without evasion or question, to pay them $1,000 per annum. This command is all the more imperative because it comes to us from a Legislature and a Governor, who have uttered it in response to the great labor movement, which, like an ocean wave, is sweeping across the continent, bearing upon its crest our noblest statesmen. The Legislature which authorized this increase of salary to our firemen, it should be borne in mind, passed the Eight-hour Law, and was deeply imbued with the spirit of awarding to labor a proper dignity and a just remuneration. It is the law that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and in obedience to this heaven-born statute, the Legislature has thrown its protecting arm around our firemen, and our noble Governor, as the champion of the labor movement in this State, has sanctioned the embrace. Let us not attempt to loosen it.

Mr. MYERS offered a few remarks to the effect that the resolution should be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. ABBE then withdrew his motion for adoption at that gentleman's suggestion, and the resolution was referred.

A Pig Race in the Water.

While the New-York Yacht Squadron was lying recently in New-London harbor, a sport heretofore unconnected with yachting took place, which consisted in the chasing of a greased pig through the water by the expert swimmers of the Club. The conditions of the race were that each yacht should send an expert swimmer, and, their boats being in line, at a signal the pig should be thrown overboard from the boat that had taken an advanced position, every man then swimming for him, the one catching and holding him to be the victor of the race, and owner of the pig. At the word being given, splash went pig, and splash, dash went twenty hardened, exposed and expert swimmers. Squeal and grunt went piggy, and stroke and stroke gave his pursuers, until one more foremost than the rest seized him by the leg and so demoralized him that it was soon decided that he should be the captor. Upon inquiry it proved to be one of the crew of the *Restless*. Protests were entered that the pig was not taken far enough from his position, and that he had not a fair chance to escape, when it was agreed that another trial should take place. It was immediately had, when the same scenes were enacted, this time the captor being one of the crew of the *Addie Voorhees*.

Southern School Books for Southern Children.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, Aug. 8.

It has been announced frequently, within the last few years, that several eminent scholars and *savants*, chiefly professors in the University of Louisiana, were engaged in preparing a series of school-books intended especially for the use of Southern children, from which all sectionalism and partisanship should be excluded, and which should furthermore become models for instruction, both by their style and the information given in them. The geographies of the series have been prepared by Lieut. M. F. MAURY, the greatest of living geographers, whose repute is such that they will, in all probability, be adopted in Europe as the standard for instruction. The arithmetics are by Prof. VENABLE; the English grammars, spellers and readers by Prof. HOLMES, the Latin grammar by Prof. GILDERSLEEN, and Prof. SCHELE DE VERE'S French works are already well known. All these are now ready for examination and trial.

Family Affray in New-Jersey—An Aged Man Mortally Wounded.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, N. J., Tuesday, Aug. 13.

About 11:30 o'clock on Monday night a disturbance arose between WILLIAM ROANTREE, his wife, her sister, her step-father, and his wife's mother, the step-father being about seventy years old. They were all living together in one house at New-Market, N. J., and all except the old folks were drunk. ROANTREE, after an unsuccessful attempt to shoot the old man with a revolver gave him several stabs with a knife. One of the wounds is sufficient to be mortal, though it had not yet proved so at 12 o'clock to-day. There appears to have been a general fight among the members of the family. ROANTREE and the women were more or less hurt but not seriously. The former is now in the Middlesex County Jail. The origin of the difficulty has not been ascertained.

Immigration to Virginia—Agents to Visit Europe.

At a meeting of the Virginia Board of Immigration, held at the Capitol, in Richmond, on the 9 h inst., the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the Board appoint GEN. G. TOCHMAN and B. JOHNSON BARBOUR, Esq., agents to visit Europe for the purpose of promoting immigration; and that J. D. IMBODEN and ROGER J. PAGE, appointed by the Commissioner and confirmed by the Board, be domestic agents in this State to act in conjunction with the European agents.

2. That in the opinion of the Board the sum of $10,000 will be necessary to pay the expenses of such agencies, and that an appeal be made to the public to subscribe that sum, to be collected by the Commissioner of Immigration, and expended under the direction of the Board in the promotion of immigration; and that the agents above named be associated with the Commissioner of Immigration in procuring said subscriptions.

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N. B.—Money deposited up to the 20th of August will draw interest from the first of said month.
J. S. SLOAN, Secretary.

FOREIGN HOTELS.

THE GRESHAM HOTEL, SACKVILLE-ST., Dublin, having undergone very extensive alterations with considerable additional arrangements and refurnishing, will, after receptions, being now complete, the proprietors respectfully inform the nobility, gentry, tourists and the public, that the hotel is now replete with every possible modern improvement, including the most spacious and elegant coffee room in Dublin for ladies and gentlemen, a superb billiard and smoking room, unrivaled in any country, suits of magnificent drawing rooms and bedrooms, on the most moderate scale of charges that will bear favorable comparison for moderation with any first-class hotel in Europe or America. The land of charges of every kind has undergone a most careful revision, including the wine carte. The proprietors, being determined not only to maintain but to increase and extend the world-wide reputation of the Gresham Hotel, and having with an unsparing hand expended a very large capital on the improvements and decorations, can with confidence assure the public that every effort will be made to secure their comfort and support. The only hotel in Ireland receiving the leading American journals for the use of visitors.
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OFFICE CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT, ROTUNDA CITY HALL PARK, Aug. 12, 1867.
Notice is hereby given to inventors that a series of tests upon water meters, will be conducted at the Croton Filtering Basin on the 18th day of September, 1867. Meters of inventors are respectfully invited to attend the trial, and send in their meters as early as possible in order to avoid delay in the experiments, &c.
For further information address E. A. FUERTES, Engineer in Charge of Experiments.
THOMAS STEPHENS, Croton
ROBT. L. DARRAGH, Aqueduct
A. W. CRAVEN. Board.

TO ALL HOP PRODUCERS AND DEALERS.
The following resolution was passed at the Seventh Brewers' Congress at Chicago, June 6, 1867, viz.:
Resolved, That all sacks and bales of hops should be marked by the seller with the gross and the net weight, and that only the net weight should be paid for; that the members and associations pledge themselves not to buy any hops unless the same marked, or of any dealers who do not conform to these requirements: that they should go into effect when the new crop came into market in the fall.
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OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK,
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STONINGTON, July 30, 1867.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, UNDER authority granted by the stockholders at their annual meeting in September, 1864, and pursuant to acts of the Legislatures of Rhode Island and Connecticut, passed in 1865, have decided to increase the capital stock from $1,764,600 to $2,000,000, for the purpose of purchasing the controlling interest in a line of steamers to run in connection with this road.

The distribution of the new stock will be made at par, and stockholders registered upon the books of the Company on Aug. 15 will be entitled to the increase, say about 15 per cent on the number of shares then held by them, provided they notify Messrs. M. Morgan's Sons, of the Company, that they will avail themselves of the right on or before the 20th of August proximo, after which date all stock not subscribed for by the present shareholders will be awarded to parties who stand ready to take the same.

Payment for the stock will be called for during the month of September next.

By order of the Board.
JAS. T. DAY, President.
V. S. NOYES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF CREDITORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI R. R. CO., No. 58 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Aug. 1, 1867.

TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS—A special meeting of the holders of certificates issued by this trust, will be held at the Office of the Trustees, No. 58 Wall-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, the 10th day of September next, at noon, to take final action upon the closing of the trust and the reorganization of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company. As the trust deed requires that three-fourths in interest of the owners, or their legal representatives, of both preferred and common certificates shall be present and voting, to carry out the object above stated, certificate holders are requested to bring with them the certificates transferred to their own names, and to be present at the meeting in person or by proxy. The transfer-books will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M. on Saturday, the 31st of August, and remain closed until the final adjournment of the meeting. The Trustees only await the action of certificate holders at the above meeting to close the trust and reorganize the Company. By order of the Trustees,
ALLAN CAMPBELL, Chairman.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE KIP AND BUELL GOLD MINING AND TUNNELING COMPANY, OF COLORADO.—GENTLEMEN: At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, held July 9, 1867, it was resolved that in order to comply with the rules and regulations of the New-York Mining Board, Mr. EGGERT be appointed to countersign all stock certificates, and that publication be made for one more newspapers, as well as by circular, the stockholders be apprised of the action of the Board, and earnestly requested to forward to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, No. 5½ Pine-st., the respective certificates of stock that the same may be registered and countersigned. By order of the Board,
SILAS P. WOOD, Secretary.

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE SECOND mortgage bonds of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company.
The undersigned will receive proposals to the 24th inst. inclusive, at the office of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, corner of Broadway and Wall-st., for the sale to them of $3,000 of said bonds for the purpose of the Sinking Fund.
JAMES O. BELL,
PETER COOPER,
CHAR. A. RAPPALLO, } Trustees.
NEW-YORK, Aug. 14, 1867.

NEW-YORK, July 25, 1867.
STOCKHOLDERS IN THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY.—In order that such a change in the administration as may secure to the owners of the property some regular income out of its very large present and prospective earnings, are requested to send their proxies to any one of the undersigned.
WORK, DAVIS & BARTON,
D. P. MORGAN,
AUGUSTUS SCHELL.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD COMPANY, PITTSBURGH, Aug. 12, 1867.
HOLDERS OF RECEIPTS GIVEN FOR subscriptions to the Capital Stock will receive their certificates by presenting them, properly indorsed, at the office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., New-York.
J. P. HENDERSON,
Treasurer.

YONKERS AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, Office 161 Broadway, July 17, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent, free of Government tax, payable on demand.
JOHN W. MURRAY, Secretary.

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Registered '81	110⅞	111	Aug. 7.30	107⅝	107⅞
Coupon, 1881	111⅞	111⅞	June 7.30	107⅜	107⅝
5-20 Regist'd '62	109⅛	110	July, 7.30	107⅜	107⅝
5-20 Coupon, '62	113⅞	113⅞	Aug., C.L.N's, '64	118⅛	118⅜
5-20 Coupon, '64	110	110⅛	Oct., C.L.N's, '64	116⅝	116⅞
5-20 Coupon, '65	110⅜	110⅝	Dec., C.L.N's, '64	117⅜	118
5-20 " new, '65	108⅜	108⅝	May, C.L.N's, '65	116⅛	117⅛
5-20 " new, '67	106⅝	106⅞	Aug., C.L.M's, '65	114⅝	115⅛
10-40 Reg	99⅝	99⅞	Sept., C.L.N's, '65	115⅜	115⅝
10-40 Coupon	102⅝	102⅞	Oct., C.L.N's, '65	114⅞	115⅛
Gold	140⅞	140⅝			

WE GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FUNDING 7.30 TREASURY LOANS.
All series taken in exchange for 5-20 BONDS. Returns made to correspondents without delay, and on favorable terms.
GOLD for Custom-house purposes furnished at lowest market rates.

HEDDEN, WINCHESTER & CO.,
No. 69 Broadway, New-York,
BANKERS AND BROKERS.
AGENTS FOR THE SALE OF THE
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.
First Mortgage Bonds.
These Bonds bear interest at the rate of SIX PER CENT. IN GOLD, and are sold at NINETY PER CENT. and accrued interest from July 1, in currency.
☞ STOCKS, BONDS, GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, AND GOLD BOUGHT AND SOLD on commission. Interest allowed on balances.

First Mortgage Bonds of the
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.,
HAVING 20 YEARS TO RUN, AND BEARING 6 PER CENT. INTEREST, PAYABLE IN GOLD COIN,
FOR SALE AT 90, BY
HENRY CLEWS & CO.,
SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE COMPANY.

Government Securities of all Issues
BOUGHT AND SOLD,
OR EXCHANGED FOR THE ABOVE BONDS,
AT PULL MARKET RATES.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
STOCK AUCTIONEER,
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IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, STOCKS AND BONDS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,
NO. 43 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK,
ESTABLISHED SIXTEEN YEARS.
☞ Stocks and Bonds bought and sold at all the Stock Exchange Boards, and at Private Sale, on commission. Securities not usually sold at the regular Stock Boards are a specialty with this house.
CAUTION.

PEOPLE'S BANK, NEW-YORK, Aug. 14, 1867.
The public are hereby cautioned against negotiating a certificate deposit issued by this Bank, dated Aug. 14, 1867, No. 6,685, for three thousand dollars, to the order of COLES & BAILEY, payment having been stopped.
G. L. TOWNSELL, Cashier.

PUBLIC SALE OF UNION COUNTY BONDS.—The FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PLAINFIELD will cause to be sold at public auction, on TUESDAY, Aug. 27, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, at Miner Starling-house in Plainfield, for account of whom it may concern: Four Bonds of the County of Union, for the sum of one thousand dollars each, and interest, dated July 15 and 18, 1864, and Jan. 1, 1866, and numbered respectively 117, 131, 132 and 133, with coupons attached, drawing interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the 1st day of July, 1866.
Terms cash.
By order of the Board of Directors.
CARMON PARSE, Cashier.
Dated AUG. 13, 1867.

FOR SALE—CHRISTIAN COUNTY AND HENderson County, Kentucky Bonds; interest payable semi-annually in this City. These are first-class securities. Apply to J. T. BOYLE, President of the Evansville, Henderson and Nashville Railroad, at the office of GEO. T. M. DAVIS, No. 47 Exchange-place.

WATERTOWN CITY (WIS.) BONDS WANTED.—The highest prices paid for Watertown and all other securities issued in Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, &c., including farm mortgages, corporation bonds, &c. Apply to or address GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 7 Wall-st.

DIVIDENDS.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.
TWENTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.
A dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on and after the 15th inst., at No. 122 Bowery.
WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.
AUG. 12, 1867.

OFFICE OF THE
GEBHARD FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 141 Broadway,
JULY 25, 1867.
CASH CAPITAL.....$200,000
SURPLUS.....61,331
FIFTEENTH DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT., payable, free of Government tax, on and after the 1st day of August.
JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE CO., NEW-YORK, Aug. 3, 1867.

57TH DIVIDEND.

A semi-annual Dividend of SIX PER CENT., and Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on demand.
A. COLSON, Jr., Secretary.

OSWEGO AND SYRACUSE RAILROAD COMPANY.
TWENTY-EIGHTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.
The Directors of this Company have declared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on its capital stock, free of the Government tax, payable on the twentieth day of August, instant.
Dividends in New-York will be paid at the Howard Insurance Company's office, by H. A. Oakley, Esq., Transfer Agent; in Albany, at the New-York State National Bank; in Utica, at the Oneida National Bank; in Syracuse, at the Syracuse National Bank; all others at the Lake Ontario National Bank, Oswego.
Dividends not called for within thirty days will be paid at the Treasurer's office, Oswego.
L. WRIGHT, Treasurer.
OSWEGO, Aug. 8, 1867.

IRVING
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE, No. 9 WALL-ST.
CASH CAPITAL.....$200,000
ASSETS AUGUST 1, 1867.....308,179
LIABILITIES.....2,079
NEW-YORK, August 5, 1867.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a *Dividend of Five per cent. and Government Tax*, payable on demand.
MARTIN L. CROWELL, President.
JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST CO., No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, CORNER WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Aug. 9, 1867.
THE COUPONS DUE 1ST OF AUGUST, 1867, on the SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RAILROAD AID BONDS, will be paid at this office on presentation.
The above bonds, with past due coupons, will be exchanged for the new issue of bonds, in accordance with act approved March 2, 1867, on and after 1st day and after this date, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 12 M.
GEORGE P. FITCH, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE STERLING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 155 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 31, 1867.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of FIVE (5) per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after the 17th inst.
A. L. SOULARD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO., NEW-YORK, July 11, 1867.
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a dividend of eight per cent. out of the profits of the Company, payable on and after the 1st day of August, free from Government tax.
The transfer-books are now closed, and will remain closed until the morning of the 28th inst.
By order of the Board,
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 8 Pine-st., NEW-YORK, Aug. 5, 1867.
THE DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a dividend of TEN cents per share, payable to the stockholders on the 15th inst., at the office of the Company. Transfer books will be closed from the 12th to the 15th, both days inclusive. AUSTIN STEVENS, Secretary.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION ORIGINATED the anæsthetic use of nitrous oxide gas administer it in the manner most approved by the medical profession, do nothing but EXTRACT TEETH, and they certainly do that WITHOUT PAIN—so 20,000 patients testify. See their names at the office, No. 19 Cooper institute.

TUCKER, CARTER & CO.,
NO. 70 SOUTH-ST.,
Manufacturers of manila and tarred cordage, bale rope, twines and bagging for Sea Island cotton and hops of the well-known Anchor and Sea Island brands.
Importers and dealers in Manila, Russian, Italian, Sisal, Jute and American hemps, gunny cloth and gunny bags. Also in store and for sale in lots to suit purchasers, 130 bales Dundee bagging, assorted from 1¾ to 2 lbs. per yard.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—THE DESIRABLE PROPERTY now occupied as an iron safe manufactory, Nos. 62, 64 and 66 Cannon-st., 102x186 feet, between Delancey and Rivington; four two-story stone and basement brick dwellings in front, and substantial three-story factory and other brick buildings, suitable for any kind of manufacturing purposes, on rear of lots. Inquire of ROBERT M. PATRICK, No. 63 Murray-st.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR-STORY BROWN-stone store and dwelling situated on the 8th-av. near 52d-st., and near the great Boulevard-av. and the crossing of Broadway, which will make the 8th-av. a great business thoroughfare; price $18,500. Inquire of the owner, No. 417

SHIPPING.

RETURN TICKETS TO PARIS AND BACK, FIRST CLASS, $200 IN GOLD.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails:

CITY OF LONDON	SATURDAY	Aug. 17
CITY OF PARIS	SATURDAY	Aug. 24
CITY OF NEW-YORK	WEDNESDAY	Aug. 28
CITY OF ANTWERP	SATURDAY	Aug. 31
CITY OF DUBLIN	WEDNESDAY	Sept. 4

and can succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the mail steamer sailing every Saturday.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.	PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$110	Steerage.....$30
First Cabin to London. 115	Steerage to London..... 35
First Cabin to Paris.... 125	Steerage to Paris..... 45

Passage by the Wednesday steamers, first cabin, $110; steerage, $30. Payable in United States currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $40 currency. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.

For further information, apply at the Company's offices.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York,
or No. 411 Chestnut-st., Philadelphia.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.

The following FIRST-CLASS IRON STEAMSHIPS, built expressly for the New-York trade, are intended to sail regularly between NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, calling at QUEENSTOWN, viz.:

MANHATTAN,	MINNESOTA,
CHICAGO,	NEBRASKA,

with other first-class steamers building. To sail:

CHICAGO	WEDNESDAY, Aug. 14
NEBRASKA	WEDNESDAY, Aug. 28
MANHATTAN	WEDNESDAY, Sept. 11

From Pier No. 29 East River.

Cabin, (the accommodations being equal to any Atlantic steamer,) $90 and $75; return tickets, $160, gold; steerage, $26, currency.

Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms. For freight or passage apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.
For steerage passage to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.

Passage to London or Brest, $110, $75 and $30 currency. Excursion tickets at reduced rates available for six months.

CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, Aug. 17.
WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGE, from New-York, Aug. 31.
ATALANTA, Capt. PINKHAM, from New-York, Sept. 14.
BELLONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, Sept. 28.

The elegant British iron steamship CELLA will leave Pier No. 3 North River, for London, calling at Brest, on SATURDAY, Aug. 17, at 12 M.

Until further notice all the steamers of this line will call at Brest to land passengers. Tickets sold through by rail to Paris at 25 per cent less than regular rates.

Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.

For passage apply to ROBERT N. CLARK, No. 26 Broadway.

For freight apply at No. 54 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

DIRECT STEAMSHIP LINE BETWEEN ANTWERP AND NEW-YORK.

The undersigned will dispatch the first-class English iron steamers

OTTAWA, Capt. ARCHER,
MEDWAY, Capt. HARRIS,

FROM NEW-YORK—June 1, June 22, July 17.
FROM ANTWERP—May 29, June 26, July 17.

Having passengers on the following rates:

From Antwerp—First Cabin	90 00
Steerage	40 00

From New-York, first cabin, according to location of state-rooms.....$75—$90 00
Steerage.....EXCURSION TICKETS AT REDUCED RATES.....32 50

First Cabin.....$170 | Steerage.....$67 50

payable in gold or its equivalent.

Freight is taken at the lowest rates for Antwerp, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

Apply to HILLER & CO., New-York.
For freight and cabin passage, No. 57 Broadway; for steerage, No. 3 Chambers-st.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

PERRIER	DUCHESNE	SATURDAY, Aug. 24
VILLE DE PARIS	SURMONT	SATURDAY, Sept. 7
EUROPE	LEMARIE	SATURDAY, Sept. 21

PRICE OF PASSAGE (including wine) payable in gold or equivalent in currency,
To HAVRE,
First cabin, $160; second cabin, $90.
TO PARIS,
including railway tickets, furnished on board,
First cabin, $165; second cabin, $93

Baggage checked through to Paris.
Medical attendance free on charge.
There are steamers do not carry all classes of passengers.
American travelers going to or returning from the continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid unnecessary risks of fire, transit by English railways and crossing the channel, besides saving much time, trouble and expense.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent No. 58 Broadway.

SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT.

FURTHER REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.
Favorite passenger steamers of the ANCHOR LINE sail every SATURDAY with passengers for
LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW AND DERRY.

IONA	HENDERSON	SATURDAY, Aug. 17.
BRITANNIA	LAIRD	SATURDAY, Aug. 24.
HIBERNIA	MUNRO	SATURDAY, Aug. 31.

From the Company's Pier, No. 20 North River.

Rates of passage, payable in currency:
To Liverpool, Glasgow and Derry, cabins, $90 and $75, according to location.
Excursion tickets, good for twelve months, $160.
Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $25.
Prepaid certificates from these ports, $35.
Passengers booked from and to Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Havre, &c., at very low rates.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York.
FRANCIS MACDONALD & CO., Agents.

To avoid imposition, passengers will please come direct to the office, as this Company does not employ runners.

NATIONAL LINE.

Steamers weekly to Liverpool and Queenstown, leaving Pier No. 47 North River, every SATURDAY.

THE QUEEN, GROGAN	SATURDAY,	Aug. 17
DENMARK, THOMSON	SATURDAY,	Aug. 24
ERIN, HALL	SATURDAY,	Aug. 31
PENNSYLVANIA, LEWIS	SATURDAY,	Sept. 7

Cabin passage, payable in gold, $90 and $75.
Steerage passage to Liverpool or Queenstown, $25 in currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 in currency.
REDUCTION IN FREIGHT.—This company will now carry fine measurement goods from Liverpool at a maximum rate of 30 shillings per ton of 40 cubic feet and five per cent. primage.
For further particulars apply at the office of the Company, Nos. 57 and 27 Broadway, or No. 73 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

The New-York and Havre steamship Company's first-class mail steamships ARAGO and FULTON, to Havre, sailing at Falmouth, next day to land United States mails from Pier No. 46 North River, on the following days, at noon:

FULTON	C. H. Townsend	Saturday, Aug. 31
ARAGO	H. A. Gadsden	Saturday, Sept. 28
FULTON	C. H. Townsend	Saturday, Oct. 26
ARAGO	H. A. Gadsden	Saturday, Nov. 23

and every twenty-eighth day thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE, PAYABLE IN GOLD,
FIRST-CLASS.....$120
SECOND CLASS.....70

Through tickets to London $5 extra.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The Company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed are signed therefor.
For further information apply to
JOSEPH J. COMSTOCK, Agent,
No. 7 Broadway, New-York.
JAS. A. WOTTON, Havre, General Agent in Europe.
LHERBETTE, KANE & CO., Paris.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR:

AND

BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND COBK HARBOR.

RUSIA, a leave New-York, Wednesday, August 21.
JAVA leaves Boston, Wednesday, August 28.
SCOTIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Sept. 4.
CUBA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Sept. 11.
PERSIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Sept. 18.
CHINA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Sept. 25.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$150
Second Cabin Passage	100

FROM NEW-YORK TO PARIS

Chief Cabin Passage	$145

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$125
Second Cabin Passage	80

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.
A surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

CUNARD LINE OF EXTRA STEAMERS.

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.

FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY.

MALTA	Aug. 7
TARIFA	Aug. 14

RATES OF PASSAGE:

Cabin	$100 Gold.
Steerage	$26 Currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 currency.
For Steerage Passage, apply at No. 60 Broadway.
For Freight and Cabin Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
E. CUNARD.

NEW AND DIRECT LINE OF STEAMERS TO ANTWERP.—The A 1 iron steamship CLEOPATRA, Wm. Dowdall, Commander, will sail for the above port on SATURDAY, 17th August, from Pier No. 8 North River.

For freight or passage apply to
CHRISTIAN BROS, No. 18 Exchange-place,
Or FUNCH, MEINCKE & WENDT, Brokers.
No. 15 South William-st.

To be followed by the steamer AUHILLES, WM. RICHES, Commander.

STEAM BETWEEN ANTWERP AND NEW-YORK.—The Liverpool, New-York and Philadelphia Steamship Company

INMAN LINE,

will dispatch one of their steamships from Antwerp to New-York every month, commencing with

CITY OF COKE	Sept. 7
KANGAROO	Oct. 5

For further information, apply at the Company's office.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Sailing every THURSDAY from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M.

MORRO CASTLE, RICHARD ADAMS, Master, Aug. 15.
COLUMBIA, D. B. BARTON, Master, Aug. 22.

For freight or passage apply to
GEO. B. HARTSON, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

REGULAR LINE

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS, DIRECT,
The fine steamship TRADEWIND, Capt. J. T. MORRILL, will leave Pier No. 4 North River on THURSDAY, Aug. 22, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, for Galveston direct.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.

Goods forwarded to Indianola and Lavaca without charge and also to the interior by railroad without charge for drayage in Galveston.

The splendid steamer TYBEE will follow on the 31st.

TRAVELERS FOR EUROPE CAN HAVE trunks, packages, valuables sent to or from any part of Europe at moderate charge, through the American European Express. AUSTIN, BALDWIN & CO.,
No. 72 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

NEW-YORK & BREMEN STEAMSHIP CO.

THE CHEAPEST LINE.

THE FIRST-CLASS U. S. MAIL STEAMSHIP WESTERN METROPOLIS, Capt. WM. WEIR, will leave Pier 46 N. R., on Saturday, Aug. 24, at 12 M.,

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND BREMEN,

taking passengers to Southampton, Havre and Bremen, at the following rates, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency—to Paris or London $5 additional:

First cabin, $110; second cabin, $65; steerage, $25. From Bremen, Southampton and Havre to New-York, first cabin, $110; second cabin, $75; steerage, $30.

EXCURSION TICKETS OUT AND HOME.

First cabin, $210; second cabin, $135; steerage, $70.

NORTHERN LIGHT, Capt. A. G. JONES.....Sept. 7

For freight, passage, bills of exchange or passage apply to ISAAC TAYLOR, President, 40 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE TO

CALIFORNIA AND CHINA,

CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL
VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.

Steamers leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock, noon, as follows:

AUGUST 15—THE ARIZONA, Capt. MAURY, connecting with GOLDEN AGE, Capt. FARNSWORTH.

AUGUST 16—HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. GRAY, connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. LAFIDGE.

AUGUST 21—RISING STAR, Capt. C. P. SEABURY, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt.

100 pounds baggage allowed free to each adult passenger. Medicines and attendance free.

All despatches touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 31st connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.

Departure of 11th of each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand. Steamer of 11th connects closely with steamer GREAT REPUBLIC from San Francisco, September 3d for Yokohama and Hong Kong; at Yokohama with steamer COSTA RICA for Nagasaki and Shanghae.

For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, to F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer RISING STAR will sail on WEDNESDAY, Aug. 21, at 12 o'clock noon.

Freight received from Wednesday, 14th, A. M., until Tuesday, 3 P. M.

For rates, &c., inquire at freight office on Company's Pier, No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 22d of every month:

SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, Aug. 22.
HAVANA, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, Sept. 22.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. L. F. TIMMERMAN, Oct. 22.

These elegant steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NORFOLK, CITY POINT AND RICHMOND.

OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FROM PIER 37 NORTH RIVER, foot of Beach-st.

Steamships ALBEMARLE, SARATOGA, HATTERAS, NIAGARA and VIRGINIA.

Leaving every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Through bills of lading to all points on the Seaboard and Roanoke, Virginia and Tennessee Air Line and Petersburg Railroads and their connections.

Bills of lading signed on the pier.

For freight or passage apply on the pier, or to
JAMES BARCLAY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.

EVERY THURSDAY.

The Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's side-wheel steamships
H. LIVINGSTON, Capt. BAKER, sails THURSDAY, August 15.
GEN. BARNES, Capt. MORTON, sails THURSDAY, August 22.

From Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. precisely, giving through passage tickets and bills of lading to all points in connection with the Central Railroad of Georgia, and with Atlantic and Gulf Railroad to points in Florida.

For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 68 Liberty-st.

FOR CHARLESTON—EVERY THURSDAY—THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.'S steamships

MONEKA, Capt. MARSHMAN, sails THURSDAY, August 15.
E. B. SOUDER, Capt. LERBY, sails THURSDAY, August 22.

from Pier No. 6 North River, at 3 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad.

For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 68 Liberty-st.

REGULAR LINE FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.—Freight 10 cents per cubic foot, being a reduction of nearly 50 per cent. For Charleston, the Florida ports, the South and Southwest. First Cabin passage $15.

During the present dull season, this line will dispatch their next ship, the fast and popular steamer SARAGOSSA, M. B. CROWELL, Commander, on SATURDAY, Aug. 24, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River, foot of Wall-st.

ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

The new and first-class steamship GEO. CROMWELL, Capt. R. E. VAILL, will leave Pier No. 9 North River on SATURDAY, Aug. 17, at 3 o clock P. M.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to

H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.

The GEN. GRANT will follow Aug. 24.

STAR LINE FOR NEW-ORLEANS.—THE NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S fine ocean steamers will leave Pier No. 46 North River, at 3 P. M., as follows:

MALLORCA, on SATURDAY, Aug. 17.

All bills of lading signed at the office upon the pier.

For freight or passage apply to GEO. B. HARTSON, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—Citizens going abroad may procure passports from A. OAKEY HALL, United States Court Buildings, No. 41 Chambers-st.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—U. States passports indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. NONES. Passport Agent, 262 Broadway.

STEAMBOATS.

LONG ISLAND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR SAG HARBOR, GREENPORT, ORIENT, ORIENT POINT, AND NEW SUFFOLK.

The new and beautiful steamer, RIVER QUEEN, Capt. G. C. GIBBS, leaves Pier No. 36 (Peck-slip) East River, New-York, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 5 P. M., for the above places, connecting by stages with East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Amagansett, Southold and Riverhead. Returning, leaves Sag Harbor, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 4 P. M., making the entire circuit of Peconic Bay by daylight.

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FOR MYSTIC, CONN.

The elegant steamer ARTISAN, Capt. W. H. GIBBS, leaves Pier No. 36, (Peck-slip,) East River, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 5 P. M., connecting with trains. GEO. TUTHILL, Agent, No. 156 South-st.

GREAT REDUCTION IN FIRST-CLASS FARE.

WEST, NORTH AND EAST.

Via New-York Central and Northern Railroads and Troy Line steamers, from Pier No. 44 North River, foot of Spring-st., daily at 6 P. M. Saturdays excepted.

FIRST-CLASS PASSENGER FARE FROM NEW-YORK TO ALBANY AND TROY, $1.

Schenectady	1 51	Saratoga	1 75
Palmyra	1 39	Fort Edward	2 45
Utica	2 45	Whitehall	3 30
Rome	2 76	Rutland	4 00
Syracuse	2 64	Burlington	6 00
Rochester	5 30	North Adams	2 00
Lockport	6 36	St. Albans	7 25
Suspension Bridge	6 75	Ogdensburgh	10 50
Buffalo	6 75	Montreal	9 75

And proportionate reduction to all intermediate points and stations west from Buffalo.

Tickets sold and baggage checked at the office, No. 308 West-st., or on board.

SHREWSBURY, LONG BRANCH AND RED BANK.

The favorite steamboat META will leave pier foot of Barclay-st., shore pier, as follows:

	LEAVE RED BANK.	
Thursday, Aug. 15,	7 A. M.	Friday, Aug. 16, 7 A. M.
Friday, Aug. 16,	3:30 P. M.	Saturday, Aug. 17, 7 A. M.
Saturday, Aug. 17,	3:30 P. M.	Sunday, Aug. 18, 4 or 6 P. M.
Sunday, Aug. 18,	8 A. M.	

THE STEAMER HELEN FOR SHREWSBURY.

Leave New-York, foot Chambers-st., at 8 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday, will leave at 12 o'clock M., until further notice.

REGULAR HARTFORD LINE.

First-class steamers STATE OF NEW-YORK and CITY OF HARTFORD leave Peck-slip, East River, daily, (except Sundays) at 4 P. M., for Hartford, Conn., connecting for Springfield, Cabotville, Holyoke, Northampton, and all Connecticut River towns for passengers and freight. Fare $1 50 to Hartford; second-class $1 25, making it the cheapest and most agreeable route to the White Mountains.

SARATOGA, RUTLAND, BUFFALO.

Suspension Bridge, Mount Mansfield and White Mountains via Burlington and all points North and West. Albany Day Line.—The steamboats C. VIBBARD and DANIEL DREW will, on and after May 13, leave Deshrosses-st., at 8½ A. M. for Albany, landing at Yonkers, Coszens, West Point, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck, Bristol, Catskill, Athens and Hudson by ferry, connecting at Athens depot by special train with the New-York Central and Rensselaer and Saratoga railroads via Schenectady with Albany and Susquehanna Railroad at Junction, and without change of cars with the Lake Champlain steamboats at Whitehall for Rouse Point, arriving at Montreal at 9 A. M. Returning, leave Albany at 8½ A. M.

FOR NORWALK DIRECT—CONNECTing with the Danbury Railroad.—The fast and splendid steamboat NELLY WHITE leaves Pier No. 37 East River, foot of Market-st., EVERY AFTERNOON at 5 o'clock: 54th-st. at 3:10, returning leaves Norwalk at 7:45, on the arrival of the Danbury and New-Haven trains. Fare, 75 cents. Excursion tickets, $1 25. Stages connect for New-Canaan, Wilton and Ridgefield.

LLOYD'S DOCK, (HUNTINGTON) OYSTER BAY, (EAST NORWICH,) AND UNION DOCK, (SYOSSET).—The fast and commodious steamer D. R. MARTIN, Capt. SAMUEL E. UNDERHILL, leaves Pier No. 24 East River, (Catharine-st.,) at 4 P. M., and foot of 79th-st. East River, at 4:10 P. M., daily, for the above-named places.

NORTHPORT AND WILLETT'S POINT.—The steamer MATTANO, Capt. MARSHALL, leaves Pier No. 34 East River, (Catharine-st.,) daily, for the above-named places, at 3 P. M., returning, leaves Northport at 6 and Willett's Point at 8:15 A. M.

FOR BRIDGEPORT.—TWO BOATS DAILY from Pier 35 East River, foot of Catharine-st. Fare $1. Steamer BRIDGEPORT, at 12 o'clock noon; and steamer J. B. SCHUYLER, 3 o'clock P. M. Making landing at 34th-st. at 3:10 P. M. Freight received daily. J. B. RUSSELL, Gen. Agent; T. LOCKYER & CO. Agents on Pier.

FOR NEWBURGH, WEST POINT, Poughkeepsie, Rondout and Kingston, landing at Cozzens' Dock, Cornwall, New-Hamburgh and Milton. The steamer MARY POWELL leaves Desbrosses-st. EVERY AFTERNOON at 3½ o'clock.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

STEAMBOATS.

NEW ROUTE BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND BOSTON, VIA BRISTOL, R. I.

The Narragansett Steamship Company's new and magnificent steamers BRISTOL Capt. SAM. BRAYTON, and PROVIDENCE, Capt. Jas. M. SIMMONS, will commence running on Long Island Sound, on MONDAY, June 17, leaving Pier No. 40 North River, near foot of Canal-st., (adjoining Albany Pier,) every afternoon, (Sundays excepted,) at 5 o'clock, connecting at Bristol with the Boston and Providence Railroad, reaching Boston with shorter railroad ride than by any other route—distance by rail 54 miles, time 1 hour and 55 minutes.

These steamers are the largest, staunchest and most elegant ever placed upon American waters, of 3,000 tons burden, engines of 1,500 horse power, thoroughly seagoing in all respects, fitted in the most substantial manner, with water-tight compartments, narrow guards, boilers below deck, and with every arrangement for comfort and safety.

In the number and size of their state-rooms, and extent and splendor of their accommodations, they are unsurpassed, and, in the strength of their hulls, fully equal to ocean steamers.

State-rooms secured, tickets for sale, and freight arrangements made at the office of the Company on the Pier in New-York.

G. W. TIERS, General Agent.
H. O. BRIGGS, General Manager.

FOR SHREWSBURY AND LONG BRANCH.—The strong and commodious steamboat SEA BIRD, Capt. H. S. PARKER, will leave foot of Chambers-st. Fare reduced to 25 cents.

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 3½ P. M.	Wednesday, Aug. 14.7 A. M.
Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 P. M.	Thursday, Aug. 15.7 A. M.
Friday, Aug. 16.. 3½ P. M.	Friday, Aug. 16.7 A. M.
Saturday, Aug. 17.4 P. M.	Saturday, Aug. 17.7 A. M.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.—FOR WHITESTONE, Mayles Dock, Great Neck, Sands Point, GLEN COVE, Motts Dock and Glen Island.—On and after Wednesday, May 1, the elegant new steamboat SEA-WANHAKA, CHAS. POST, Master, will leave Pier No. 24 East River, (Peck-slip,) daily, Sundays excepted, at 4 P. M. for above-named places. No heavy freight received.

EXCURSIONS.

A DELIGHTFUL EXCURSION UP THE East River and Long Island Sound, passing all the fortifications and the islands occupied by the United States Government during the war, with other delightful scenery on the river and sound. The new and fast-sailing steamer NELLIE WHITE, Capt. SECOR, will leave Peck-slip on SUNDAY, Aug. 18, at 9 A. M., for College Point, City Island, New-Rochelle and Long Island Sound as far as Captain's Island, and return, leaving the latter place at 4 P. M., arriving in New-York at 8 P. M., landing at 8th and 37th sts. each way. Dinner and refreshments on board. Fare for the round trip $1.

EXCURSIONS FOR EXPORT—FARE $25 CENTS!—The new, fast and commodious steamer HOLMDEL, Capt. R. E. ACKERSON, will run between Export and New-York, landing at short pier No. 26, first above Barclay-st., as follows, during the month of August: Leave Export daily (Sundays excepted) at 7 P. M., and

LEAVE NEW-YORK ON
Tuesday, 13th, at 1 P. M. Thursday, 15th, at 1½ P. M.
Wednesday, 14th, at 1 P. M. Friday, 16th, at 2 P. M.

DAILY EXCURSIONS TO GLEN COVE AND ROSLYN—Landing at White Stone, Baytis' Dock, Great Neck, Sands' Point, Mott's Dock and Glen Wood. On and after MONDAY, June 3, the steamer EDGEWOMBE, Capt. ——, will leave Peck-slip, Pier No. 24 East River, every morning, at 9½, for the above landings; returning will leave Roslyn at 3¼ P. M.

A SUNDAY EXCURSION TO HARLEM, Alms Bridge and Carle's Park, Westchester County.—Steamers SYLVAN STREAM, SYLVAN GROVE and A. WINANTS will leave Peck-slip every hour from 9 A. M. until 6½ P. M. leave Harlem every hour from 10 A. M. until 6½ P. M., landing at 8th-st. each way. Fare to Harlem 15 cents.

A SUNDAY EXCURSION BOAT TO UNION, A Rossville, Woodbridge, Tottensville, Amboy and Keyport.—Steamer PRINCE, Capt. GOODWIN, leaves Barclay-st., North River, SUNDAY, Aug. 18, at 9 A. M. Returning, leaves Keyport at 3 P. M.

RAILROADS.

TO RAILWAY TRAVELERS.

APPLETON'S RAILWAY GUIDE contains One Hundred Railway Maps, and the Time Tables of all the Railways of the United States and the Canadas; also a Tourist Guide to the Watering Places, Springs, &c. For sale everywhere.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

Leave James-slip:

7:20 A. M., mail train for Jamaica and way stations.
10 A. M., Syosset, Glen Cove and all way stations.
3 P. M., Express train for Greenport.
4 P. M., Syosset, Glen Cove and all way stations.
5:30 P. M., North Islip, Glen Cove, and all way stations.

Sunday excursion train leaves Hunter's Point at 8:30 A. M.; returning, arrives at Hunter's Point at 6:45 P. M.

MORRIS AND ESSEX RAILROAD.

Depots in New-York foot of Barclay and Christopher sts.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT, commencing MONDAY, June 17, 1867:

8:00 A. M.—Mail train, connecting at Waterloo with Suspension R.R. for Andover and Newton, and at Washington with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R.R. for Stroudsburgh, Water Gap and Scranton, and at Easton with L. V. R.R. for Bethlehem and Allentown.

11:45 A. M.—Express train, stopping at Newark, Morristown, Dover, Hackettstown and Washington, connecting at Easton with L. V. R.R. for Bethlehem, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, &c.

4:10 P. M.—Express train, connecting at Easton with L. V. R.R. for Bethlehem, Allentown and Manch Chunk.

5:30 P. M.—Morristown Express.

6:30 P. M.—Intermediate stations.

Orange and South Orange at 6:30, 7:45 and 11:30 A. M., and 1:00, 3:40, 4:30, 5:30, 8:45 and 11:45 P. M.

For Newark all above trains and at 9 and 10 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.

A. P. BERTHOUD, General Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY April 29, 1867, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, as follows:

8 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.

10:30 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.

12 M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with train for the West.

3:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car every day on this train for Saratoga. From New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection at Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.

11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North. This train will run on Sundays.

A Sunday express train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 3:45 P. M., arriving in New-York at 7 P. M.

Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leaves Millerton at 4 P. M., arriving in New-York at 10:30 A. M.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:

8 A. M.—Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, and all points West and South.

8:30 A. M.—Way Train daily for Otisville and intermediate stations.

10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.

2 P. M.—Way Train for Turner's and intermediate stations.

4:30 P. M.—Way Express, stopping at Suffern, Turner's, and all stations west of Turner's, to Port Jervis, Newburgh and Warwick.

5 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.

6:30 P. M.—Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points South and West.

7 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dansville and Dunkirk.

Also, Way Trains for Boiling Spring, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M. and 1:45, 3:30, 6:30 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.

SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 10 M. and 5 P. M. for Paterson; 7 P. M. Night Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca and all points West and South; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.

Express Trains run through to Salamanca, Dunkirk and Buffalo without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.

Perfectly ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all Night Trains.

Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway, and foot of Chambers-st., New-York, and Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.

WM. R. BARR, H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

WHITE MOUNTAINS—LAKES MEMPHREMAGOG AND WILLOUGHBY.

FINEST LAKE SCENERY IN THE UNITED STATES, via CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY.

Shorter Line and Less Fare than via any Other Route.

Leave New-York, via New-Haven Railroad at 12:15, (noon,) 3 or 8 P. M., or by New-Haven steamer, Peck-slip, at 3:15 P. M. Passengers by boat lodge at Springfield.

On Saturdays, the 12:15 train (sleeping cars attached) goes through to Lake Willoughby without change.

Maps and particulars in Appleton's Railway Guide and Burt's Guide of Conn ecticut River Valley.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 5:15 and 9:25 A. M. at 1:30, 4:22, 5:22 and 6:42 P. M. Saturdays only at 11:15 P. M. The 9:25 A. M., 4:22 and 6:42 P. M. run through to Monsey.

THOMAS W. DEMAREST, Sup't.

LOST AND FOUND.

NOTICE.—A NOTE DRAWN BY H. W. JOHNSON & CO. in favor of Jno. and dated July 5, 1867, four months, for $611 70, having miscarried in the mail from New-York City to Cold Spring, L. I., all persons are hereby forbidden to negotiate the same, as payment thereof has been stopped. Any person having possession of said note will please forward the same to the owner E. T. BEWLETT,

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Forty-ninth Day's Proceedings.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The State Constitutional Convention reassembled this morning.

After prayer by Dr. WYCOFF, the President presented a communication from the State Engineer, in reply to a resolution of inquiry.

STATE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Engineer GOODRELL, in reply to a resolution of the Convention, passed May 8, says:

There are no records on the files of this office showing any sales of lands by either the Sackett's Harbor and Saratoga Railroad, or the Lake Ontario and Hudson River Railroad, or the Adirondack Company.

The latter Company filed a paper in this office Dec. 9, 1865, setting forth that GEORGE T. M. DAVIS, being duly sworn, says he is President of the Adirondack Company, and that the said Company did construct and put in operation at least 25 miles of its road, as required by the laws of 1868 and as amended in 1865.

Mr. HADLEY presented the report of the Committee on the Organization and Powers of Counties, Towns, &c. The Committee recommended no change in the organization of these divisions; the adoption of the article prohibiting towns and counties from loaning their credit or money to any corporation; also, that Boards of Supervisors shall have power to legislate upon the internal affairs of counties, under restrictions prescribed by the Legislature.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES, TOWNS, AND VILLAGES.

The Committee proceed to state that, deeming it unwise to make changes in the fundamental law of a State, unless experience has demonstrated the necessity of such a change, respectfully report as follows:

That they have been unable to discover any demand or necessity for any change in the organization of the government of the counties, towns or villages within the State, which is not within the power of the Legislature to make, and therefore do not recommend any amendment of the existing Constitution in relation to those subjects.

The Committee proceed to state, they deem it prudent to impose some restraint upon the power of counties, towns and villages to loan their credit to corporations.

They also believe there is a demand for increasing the powers of Boards of Supervisors in relation to internal affairs of their respective counties, and they therefore recommend the following:

There shall be in each of the counties of the State, (except the County of New-York,) elected in such a manner and for such a period as may be provided, a Board of Supervisors who shall possess and exercise the power to legislate in relation to local and internal affairs of their respective counties and towns, subject, however, to such rules as the Legislature may prescribe; and it shall be the duty of the first Legislature after the adoption of this constitution, to prescribe such rules and regulations by general law, that no county, town or village shall in any manner give any of its property or money, or loan its credit to, or become a stockholder in any organization, nor shall guarantee any obligation of any association.

[Signed] G. G. HALBY,
LIVING. FOWLER,
NORMAN M. ALLEN,
PATRICK CORBETT.

Mr. WICKHAM dissented from so much of the report as relates to Boards of Supervisors.

Mr. W. J. TOWNSEND, from the Committee on the Pardoning Power, reported an article on the subject, reading as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PARDONING POWER.

ALBANY, N. Y., Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The Committee reported in favor of adopting the section attached, as an article of the Constitution in relation to the Executive. The section recommended is the fifth section of the fourth article of the present Constitution, and differs only in details from the provisions on the same subject in the Constitution adopted in 1822.

The vast and constantly increasing population of the State modified as it is by our geographical position, furnishes a large number of cases of application for pardon annually for investigation and decision, and necessarily imposes upon the Governors of the State an amount of labor truly formidable. The Committee say they would gladly relieve the Governor, in part at least if possible, of such a vast amount of labor if some safe means could be devised for such purpose. They think the establishment of a Council for the purposes of pardon would only tend to increase the labor. The Committee conversed with a number of Ex-Governors, and they nearly all concurred in the views expressed. Ex-Governor SEYMOUR kindly attended at the Capital, and explained to your Committee the working of the present system; and he pointed out the possession of the pardoning power imposed great labor on the Governors, yet from the nature of our Government, the power could not be safely lodged in other hands, nor its responsibilities safely divided. An examination of the statistics furnished, shows that the number of pardons granted during the last twenty years is 2,916. Of this number 166 were pardons for petty offences. The whole number of convictions in the courts of record during the past twenty years was 35,572, while the whole number of pardons from jails and penitentiaries was but 2,149, and the whole number from all places 2,916—or but more than one in fifteen of the convictions. The whole number of applications for pardons during the past sixteen years is 5,645. So that it appears less than half of the applicants have obtained them. In a word, something like one in six or seven of those convicted in the courts of record have applied for pardon, and one in fifteen has been successful.

(Signed) M. J. TOWNSEND,
A. POND,
JUDSON S. LANDON.
E. H. PRINDLE.
M. I. HOE.
E. T. GERRY.

The following section accompanies the report of the Committee:

The Governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after conviction for all offences except treason and impeachment, upon such condition and with such restrictions as he may think proper, subject to such regulations as are provided by law. Upon conviction for treason he shall have power to suspend the execution of the sentence until the case shall be reported to the Legislature at its next meeting, when that body may either pardon or commute the sentence, direct the execution of the sentence, or grant a further reprieve.

Mr. MORRIS offered a resolution, which was referred, that the Committee on the Power of the Legislature be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing laws permitting divorces for adultery and cruel treatment, abandonment for seven years, &c.

A resolution by Mr. POND, directing that provision be made for paying members of the Senate while serving as members of a Court of Impeachment, was laid over.

By Mr. LANDON—Directing the Committee to strike out four years as the term of Senators, and insert two years. Laid over.

The Convention then went into Committee of the Whole on the Report on Town and County Officers.

Mr. HALE's amendment that there shall be a Board of Supervisors in every county except New-York, with such powers as the Legislature may confer, was taken up.

Mr. GREELEY moved to substitute for the section under consideration a section providing for a Board of Supervisors in every county excepting New-York, which shall have power to legislate upon the internal affairs of counties.

Mr. HALE accepted the amendment.

Mr. RUMSEY offered a further substitute that such Boards may have power to legislate upon local matters, if the Legislature shall see fit to grant it.

Mr. FOLGER said the object of the proposition was two-fold—it was to prevent corrupt legislation and to reduce the bulk of legislation. But will it accomplish that object? He contended that it was contrary to the theory of legislation in a free country that a single body should have legislative power. The true method was to rely upon general laws, so as to reduce the volume of legislation with regard to corporations.

Mr. GREELEY was glad we were face to face with this question. It will now be determined whether this is a reform Convention. The indications thus far have not been favorable, but to-day will afford a test. He argued that the power of local legislation should be conferred upon Boards of Supervisors. These boards act in the midst of the people who are affected and under immediate responsibility. It is not possible that such a board, whether corrupt or not, should pass such schemes as go through the Legislature. This point has not been referred to the dissension. He would not overpraise the Board of Supervisors of his county, but he would rather trust them to legislate upon matters affecting the interests of their constituents than any other body he knew of.

Mr. EVARTS looked with alarm on the measure to diffuse legislative authority to local bodies throughout the State. He opposed the idea of giving such powers to local boards. The remedy to the evils spoken of was to strengthen the powers of the Legislature in its duties. There will be moral wars in counties if such a dispersion of legislative power is given.

Mr. OLIVER could not share in the feelings of alarm expressed by Mr. EVARTS. He believed such local boards the just depositaries of local matters. He did not deem it just that strangers to the wants of a neighborhood should have a voice in ordering its local affairs.

Mr. BROOKS argued that the experience of the past twenty years did not warrant them in continuing to give the Legislature power over local interests in which the great body of its members were not concerned.

Mr. BERGEN believed that some regulations could be made by the Convention to relieve the Legislature of the mass of local affairs pressing on it, and he favored the adoption of some means to remove the difficulty.

Mr. HUTCHINS was not alarmed at the idea of giving Boards of Supervisors administrative power; but when it comes to giving such Boards exclusive legislative power over local matters, he could not favor it. He cited instances of the mischievous effects that might follow the granting of such powers.

The amendment of the gentleman from Seneca coming up, Mr. FOLGER argued in favor of the Legislature passing certain general laws similar to the general laws in regard to banks, to cover certain local matters that come up before the Legislature.

Judges ALLEN and DALEY were in favor of giving Boards of Supervisors certain defined powers in regard to local affairs.

Mr. ANDREWS offered an amendment that the Boards of Supervisors shall possess exclusive power of local legislation and administration upon subjects over which by general laws they now have jurisdiction. The Legislature shall have power from time to time, by general laws, to enlarge such powers over subjects of local legislation and administration.

Mr. A. J. PARKER was opposed to conferring too much power on Boards of Supervisors. A remedy for the overtaxing of the Legislature by local matters could be found in the passage of general laws.

Mr. ALVORD favored restricting the Legislature from passing special laws, and giving certain restricted powers, to be enlarged from time to time as deemed necessary, to the Boards of Supervisors.

Mr. ANDREWS' amendment was adopted by yeas 68, nays 48.

Mr. BARNARD offered an amendment, that the salary of any County officer shall not be increased without the consent of a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors of such county.

Mr. VERPLANCK further amended that the salary of such officer shall not be diminished while in office. The amendment was adopted.

By a report from the Secretary of the Commissioners of Taxes and Assessment, made to the Constitutional Convention, it appears there are $17,183,000 worth of property exempted from taxation in New-York City.

The Convention then took a recess.

EVENING SESSION.

In a Committee of the Whole, Mr. BELL in the chair, the Convention resumed the subject under consideration at the morning session.

Mr. BARKER moved to reconsider the question of increasing and decreasing salaries of county officers.

Mr. BARNARD opposed the reconsideration, arguing in favor of the justice of permitting local boards to determine on the salaries of such officers.

Mr. GREELEY opposed the policy of county and city officials calling on the Legislature for the increase of salary.

The motion to reconsider was carried, and the original amendment again adopted.

Mr. GRANT offered an amendment forbidding Boards of Supervisors enacting laws in relation to the opening or closing of public highways, regulating the preservation of game, fish, &c. Lost.

Mr. RAUM offered the following amendment as a substitute for section 6:

"The Legislature may confer on such Boards such further powers of local legislation and administration as they shall from time to time prescribe."

Mr. HARRIS favored the amendment. He would give certain stipulated powers to Boards of Supervisors. The Convention should do something to relieve the Legislature. He did not believe that body as corrupt as asserted by some. It would be well to adopt this simple proposition of Mr. RAUM's, which is similar to that contained in the Constitution of 1846.

Mr. ALVORD opposed the amendment.

During the course of the argument, in response to a question from Judge POTTER, Judge DALY stated that he believed it was the design of the Committee on Cities to report in favor of abolishing the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of New-York.

Mr. SMITH argued at length in favor of conferring broad powers of local legislation upon Boards of Supervisors. The Committee supposed that the Convention was decidedly in favor of such transfer. They supposed the talk on the subject was serious, and as for the sentiment of the people he had taken some pains to ascertain it. Acquainted with it, and he was satisfied that except the judiciary reform, nothing was so much desired by the people as reform in this matter.

Mr. DUGANNE favored delegating to the people all the powers possible for the purpose of relieving and purifying the Legislature. If it should be found that such powers are abused, the Legislature can reënter on its jurisdiction, and assume control of local affairs. Lost.

Mr. CONGER offered an amendment substantially as Mr. RAUM's, with the addition: "But such powers as conferred shall be exclusively exercised by such Boards." Lost.

Mr. SPENCER moved to reconsider the vote on the amendment passed this morning, and which was offered by Mr. ANDREWS, and argued in favor of his motion. Carried.

The question recurring on the passage of the resolution, it was declared lost.

Mr. KERNAN offered an amendment

That the Boards of Supervisors shall have exclusive control, under general regulations of the Legislature, over the establishment, construction, regulation and discontinuance of ferries and bridges over navigable streams; the raising of money by loan, or tax, for town or county purposes; the confirmation of the proceedings of towns; the purchase, management and sale of real estate and personal property for the use and benefit of the county; the erection of new towns, and changing the name thereof, and the alteration of town boundaries, the widening, deepening, straightening and cleaning of the channels of streams, except navigable streams, and the draining of swamps and marshes; the control and support of town and county poor; and the Legislature may confer upon Boards of Supervisors of the several counties such further powers of local legislation and administration as they shall, from time to time, prescribe by general laws. Carried."

Mr. VAN COTT offered an amendment providing that the Legislature may also pass such laws by a three-fourth vote. Carried.

The Convention then adjourned.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Discussion on Street-Booths—Panama and the Yellow Fever—Deaths from Cholera in the City—Names of Delinquents to be Prosecuted by the Board, &c., &c.

A special meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday afternoon, President SCHULTZ in the chair.

THE SOLDIERS' BUSINESS, MESSENGER AND DISPATCH COMPANY.

The most of the session was taken up in discussing the powers and duties of the Board with reference to the "Soldiers' Business, Messenger and Dispatch Company;" incorporated at the last session of the State Legislature.

Extracts from the bill referred to read as follows, viz.:

SEC. 5. The business and general object of said corporation shall be to receive and deliver property, packages and messages in any manner, within the territory known as the Metropolitan Police District, and to take and hold any package, bundle or substance entrusted to said corporation or its agents, to be delivered at a time and place to be designated; and to receive and deliver messages by sealed envelope, magnetic telegraph or otherwise, in such manner and at such rates, charges, fees and expenses, as shall be agreed upon by said corporation and parties employing or requiring the services of said corporation, and as shall be prescribed by the by-laws; said corporation shall have power to display advertisements, and use their booths, stands or offices for the purpose of receiving, storing and sending out packages or messages as the case may be, and may vend at retail newspapers, books, periodicals, stationery goods, confectionery, fruits and flowers, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 6. * * * Said corporation is hereby authorized and shall have power to erect and maintain covered stands or booths on the streets of the cities and villages in said district, except Broadway, in the City of New-York. Provided that no booth or stand shall be placed upon the sidewalk without previous consent of the owner or lessee of the property adjoining, or against said booth or stand; and the number, size and location of said stands or booths shall be determined by the Metropolitan Board of Health, or a majority of said Board, who shall determine and locate the same upon application by the President of the Corporation.

Subsequently, in the bill regulating the Tax Levy, the Legislature enacted the following section:

"But it shall not be lawful for said Board of Metropolitan Police, nor any other board or officers, after the passage of this act, to grant permits, nor shall any permits be granted to any person or persons to occupy or obstruct any portion of any public street, sidewalk," &c., &c. (Chapter 806, sec. 12.)

The apparent conflict between the provisions of the two bills gave rise to inquiries on the part of the Board, and at a former meeting Counsel EATON submitted an elaborate opinion in the matter, in which he said, among other things:

"Both acts must doubtless stand, unless they are clearly inconsistent; and I must confess I am not free from some doubt as to whether they can both stand—in other words, whether the section 12 of the last act prevents this Board exercising the authority conferred upon it by the section 6 of the former act. Besides, the question is pending before the Court of Appeals whether the section 12 is constitutional. It may be suggested that this 12th section refers to a paper in a special form—to a technical 'permit.'

It seems to me, the true construction and object of the provision is, that the Boards referred to are not to be considered as having the power to allow or authorize any one, in any form, to occupy a street or sidewalk. And, referring to the foregoing 6th section, although it is not that the Board may or shall give a permit, yet I think the provision is equivalent. The erections are not to be made—the occupancy of the street is not to be allowed—except the Board of Health give consent.

After the Board determined, if it give permission, and to the extent it gives permission, the erections may be made, and no further. The essential idea is, that the Board of Health, and not the Mayor, is the authority by whose consent or permission the erections may be made.

If to determine the size and location of a booth to be erected on a public sidewalk, involves more than the giving of a permit for its erection, it seems to me to at least involve that much; and if this Board cannot give a permit—an assent to any such erection—then I think it cannot 'determine the size, number and location' of booths to be erected on the streets of New-York until said section 12 is repealed or annulled."

Yesterday Attorney-General HARTTENDALE, Hon. E. DELAFIELD SMITH and Gen. SHALER were heard on behalf of the Soldiers' Business, Messenger and Dispatch Company. These gentlemen took exception to a number of points in Mr. EATON's opinion, and argued ingeniously and at considerable length for the consistency of the two acts, and insisted that when such applications are made by individuals, if no valid objection appear, permission should be granted for the erection of booths, as provided by the law.

At the conclusion of the remarks by counsel, a general debate upon the subject took place among the members of the Board. Dr. SMITH gave it as his opinion that the Legislature, alarmed at the authority conferred by them on a private corporation, had passed the subsequent and contradictory act, with the single purpose of annulling the former bill, and rendering its provisions ineffectual. Other members gave their views of the matter, after which the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Assistant Sanitary Inspector FREEMAN presented a complaint against an ice pond at West Morrisania, which is dry in the Summer, and emits a very disagreeable and dangerous effluvia. Referred to the Sanitary Superintendent.

A letter from the American Consul at Panama was received and read, in which the writer said that there had been no cases of yellow fever at that port during the past thirty days, and that at no time of this season was the disease epidemic. Referred to the Health Officer.

A communication from the merchants and residents of the First Ward was presented, complaining of the filthy condition of the streets in the lower part of the Ward. Referred to the President, with directions to bring the matter to the attention of the proper authorities.

The Doctor adds that "only fifteen of these deaths were certified as cholera, but he believes that Asiatic cholera caused all of them."

Counsel for the Board presented the following named persons as persevere delinquents in regard to final orders from the Sanitary Committee: Wm. Bennett, J. Hassel, Geo. M. Markiee, Wm. A. Camp, Anton Saffer, Smith D. Bellows, Felix Connolly, Fanny Haywood, J. Egan, J. L. Griffin, Peter Goelet, Henry Elsner.

On motion, Counsel was directed to prosecute forthwith.

THE CHOLERA.

Dr. HARRIS, Registrar of Vital Statistics, submitted the following table of deaths that have occurred in this City from cholera, during the present season:

Date.	Name.	Age.	Street.	No. of d'ths in same st. last year.
May 29	Bridget Grogan	39	No. 328 East 34th	None
July 6	Patrick Gallager	34	No. 187 Mott	15
9	Johanna Shea	35	No. 45 Baxter	35
27	Mary McManus	49	Bellevue Hospital	39
31	John Devlin	34	No. 466 West 19th	1
Aug. 1	Anna Eagan	29	Bellevue Hospital	83
2	Johanna O'Neil	57	No. 171 Mulberry	67
5	Eliza Osseyo	29	No. 251 Greenwich	10
6	Richard W. Evans	25	No. 51 Vandam	None
6	P. M. McGraw	28	No. 143 East 47th	None
8	Mary O'Connor	40	No. 10 Washington	17
8	Catharine Borman	3	No. 262 Mott	15
*9	Gertrude Graff	1	No. 122 Willett	5
†11	Gertrude Graff	23	Bellevue Hospital	83
12	Margaret Brock	44	No. 413 West 18th	3
13	Mary Riderbacker	32	No. 158 Stanton	1

Total number of deaths to date, 16.

*The mother reported that the child died of neglect during the voyage from Antwerp a month ago.

†Was in collapse when sent from house where her child died.

The Board then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, 22d inst.

The Condition of the Streets—Report from the Committee of the Citizens' Association.

We have received the following communication from the Citizens' Association:

In view of the many complaints against Judge WHITING for alleged non-performance of his street-cleaning contract, the Citizens' Association, desirous of ascertaining whether good grounds exist, for such complaints, requested the following members of the Association, namely, Messrs. Peter Cooper, James Boorman Johnston, William M. Vermilye, James M. Constable, Horatio Allen, Thomas J. Powers, Paul N. Spofford, William Wood, Moses G. Baldwin, Matthew S. Reed and Wm. Bloodgood, to serve upon a committee to visit the streets, and report upon their condition, and also report whether or not Judge WHITING is fulfilling the terms of his contract. A large number were invited in order to secure a necessary attendance, so many gentlemen being absent from the City at this season of the year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee respectfully report that on the afternoon of August 12, they carefully examined the condition of the following streets, namely: Third street, Avenue D, Columbia, East Broadway, Chatham, Mulberry, Baxter, Roosevelt, South Water, West, Washington, Greenwich, Church, Warren, Broadway, Laurens and Fourth streets, and also the condition of the following connecting streets for one block on each side of the general route, namely: First avenue, avenues A, B and C, Houston, Stanton, Scammel, Montgomery, Clinton, Jefferson, Rutger, Bayard, Park, Chatham, Pearl, Wall-slip, Beekman, Fulton, Morris, Rector, Cedar, Liberty, Courtland, Barclay, Robinson, Murray, Reade, Duane, Thomas, Franklin, White, Walker, Lispenard, Spring and Prince streets, and give it as their unanimous opinion that all of such streets are much cleaner than they ever have been for the last twenty years. Also, that from careful observation, and from inquiries made of the Police along the route, and of residents of the neighborhoods, the Committee ascertained that the contractor has faithfully cleaned said streets according to his contract. Some of the residents who had lived in the same locality for years, especially in the Gallowsfield streets, stated that never in their experience had their streets or their wards been as clean as they now are.

To those who are acquainted with the heretofore filthy condition of the central and lower portion of our City, the contrast now presented by the general neat appearance of the streets and the cleanliness of the gutters is most remarkable and highly creditable to Judge WHITING. It must be remembered that, according to the terms of the street-cleaning contract, all the paved streets of the City, except Broadway, Park-row, Chatham, Bowery, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth avenues, State, Whitehall, Wall, Cortlandt, Fulton, Chambers, Hudson and Canal streets, and Maiden-lane, which are to be swept only, are also to be swept once a week. Also, that along the line of some of these streets the lowest portion of our population resides, scores of families with swarms of children living in each house; that this population, through the want of the conveniences enjoyed by other portions of our inhabitants, is generally filthy, and that the streets unavoidably become the receptacle for the greater portion of the refuse of the houses.

The Committee are of the opinion that the contractor is faithfully performing the conditions of his contract in regard to the streets visited by them, and in the other streets of our City as far as their observations extended, and that never in the history of our City for the past twenty years have the streets visited been as clean as at the present time. This opinion is based on well to personal inspection of the streets, on the testimony of those with whom the Committee have conversed.

The Committee also give it as their opinion that some of the above streets cannot, as they are at present paved and inhabited, be kept absolutely clean and free from filth unless the garbage from the houses is collected at least twice, and the streets swept once every day.

In concluding, the Committee, in view of the Metropolitan character of our City, of its rapidly increasing and varied population, and of the close connection between clean streets and the public health, recommend that steps be taken whereby the broad and comprehensive system existing in the chief cities of Europe for cleaning the streets and utilizing the refuse shall be introduced here by which our City could be cleaned in accordance with the wishes of its citizens and its sanitary and commercial interests. Respectfully submitted,

PETER COOPER, Chairman,
PAUL N. SPOFFORD,
MOSES G. BALDWIN,
WILLIAM BLOODGOOD.

The Fatal Shooting Affair at Barnum's Museum—A Verdict of Accidental Death Rendered.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner WILDEY over the body of EDWARD JONES, who was accidentally shot on Tuesday in the pistol-gallery of Barnum's Museum. The following is the evidence as adduced before the jury:

George Capron testified: I reside at No. 515 West Twenty-ninth-street, and am brother-in-law to the deceased, who lived with me for three years; he worked for James S. Conlin, at Barnum's Museum, in the pistol gallery; I last saw him on Tuesday morning, when he left the house at 7 o'clock to go to his work; I heard of his death at 1 o'clock; I went to the Museum and found him dead and lying on a table; I made inquiry in relation to his death, and learned that deceased had loaded a rifle and placed it in the proper place in the gallery, and then went to paint the target; while so engaged a small boy came in and took the rifle and fired it at the target; the ball struck deceased on the back; from what I could learn, I think the occurrence was purely accidental; it was something unusual for him to have a loaded rifle in the rack.

John Conners, aged 15, residing at No. 135 Mott-street, testified that he had been employed by deceased at the pistol-gallery at the Museum; my business was to paint the target after the shots were fired; I was at work yesterday, and at twenty minutes after eleven o'clock two boys came in and wanted to shoot; I told deceased of it, when he reloaded the rifle and left it in the tunnel where the boys could get at it; he then ran back to paint the pistol-target, and while so engaged the boys were handling the gun and trying the trigger; they were not looking at deceased at the time; suddenly the rifle went off, and deceased cried out, "Oh, I'm shot;" I went away to call some one, and when I returned I found him removed by people and quite dead; the boys were about ten years of age.

James S. Conlin testified—I reside at Saratoga, and I am proprietor of the rifle and pistol gallery at Barnum's Museum; the gallery consists of an oval-shaped tube 125 feet in length, at the end of which is a target for rifle practice; fifty feet from the desk in front a target is sometimes placed for pistol shooting; deceased had been in my employment for twenty-one months, and had charge of the gallery; I have a regular system of management, by which, if followed, no accident can occur; our rule is to never leave a loaded gun in the tunnel or entrance where outsiders can touch it; we load the gun and hand it to the person who intends to shoot, and must keep the piece in sight until it is discharged; I feel satisfied that deceased must have violated this rule, else he could not have been shot.

Upon this evidence the jury rendered a verdict, "that the said Edward Jones came to his death by being accidentally shot at Barnum's Museum, on the 13th of August, by a boy unknown to them."

Mr. Jones was a native of this State, and twenty-four years of age.

Quarantine.

The Quarantine Commissioners are considering the propriety of employing some other person than the present contractor, Mr. FRANCIS SWIFT, to continue the work of erecting the new Quarantine buildings near Coney Island.

On the 15th of September, 1866, a contract was entered into between the Commissioners and Mr. FRANCIS SWIFT, of Brooklyn, by which the buildings, wharves, docks and appurtenances would be erected for the following sums: The brick work, $94,000; stone-filling, $25,300; rip-rap, $14,172; sand-filling, $28,816; dock-planking, $8,000; fending, $5,500; mason work of buildings, $80,750; carpenter work of buildings, $64,500, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $310,618. The contractor was to provide all the necessary materials and erect, construct, fit up and complete the building and appurtenances according to the specifications.

Mr. SWIFT promised to have the buildings completed by the 1st of June, 1867, but he subsequently obtained an extension of time. It appears, however, that Mr. SWIFT is making little or no effort to carry out his contract, and the work at present is in such a condition that it is likely to be materially damaged during the Winter.

Fall of the Hoboken Ferry Bridge—The Bridge-Tender Killed.

On Tuesday afternoon, as previously reported, the chains of the Hoboken Ferry bridge broke, and JOHN DONNELLIN, the bridge-keeper, was thrown into the water and drowned.

Coroner SCHIRMER held an inquest in the case yesterday, when it appeared from the evidence that one of the boats had just left the slip, and the bridge-tender was preparing the bridge for the reception of the other boat, which was coming in just outside of the slip, when the chain broke and the bridge fell immediately about three feet. DONNELLIN was thrown into the water and drowned. Another man, who was in attendance on the bridge, was also thrown down, but fortunately he secured himself from going into the water.

JOHN MCCONNELL, the policeman in attendance at the time, and Mr. WM. THURLOW WEED, with poles and ropes, proceeded immediately to search and grapple for the body of DONNELLIN. His body was found in about thirty minutes by Mr. WEED, but life was extinct, and the remains were taken to the Third Precinct Station-house.

Had the accident happened a few moments later, when the crowd in the ferry-house awaiting the arrival of the boat would have gone upon the bridge, or at an earlier moment, before the departure of the previous boat, a fearful loss of life must have occurred.

Two weeks ago the chain of this ferry bridge broke in a similar manner, but by grasping the revolving wheel, injuring himself some, Mr. DONNELLIN saved his life. He was, however, confined to his house about a week, and was advised by his friends to desist from further connection with the ferry, but again entered upon his duties, and was killed.

It was also shown on the inquest that the bridge was not provided with floats according to law.

The Coroner's Jury rendered the following verdict:

That the said JOHN DONNELLIN came to his death by drowning, caused by the breaking of the chain used for the purpose of raising and lowering of the bridge at the Hoboken Ferry, foot of Barclay-street; and we are further of the opinion that the said Ferry Company are guilty of gross negligence for not providing proper floats to the bridge, and using a chain which was not sufficiently strong, having been broken within the past two weeks and injured the same man.

M. Mayer, L. Strauss, H. A. Kidder, Thos. Lyons, Horatio Nichols, John T. Menger, Wm. McDermott.

It is said that the bridge has been again elevated into position with the same chains that broke on Tuesday.

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

Base Ball—Union vs. Mutual—The Unions Victorious.

Close and exciting games have been so frequent of late, that it seems like using a stereotype phrase to so designate the meeting between the Union Club, of Morrisania, and the Mutual Club, of New-York, yesterday, at the Union Ground, Williamsburgh. However sharp and well played other games may have been, the one in question will take its place in the history of our national sport as the best played and most exciting ever witnessed. Opening with a lead of two to nothing in favor of the Unions, this advantage they held until the end of the seventh innings, when the score stood six to six. Two runs were made by each club in the eighth innings, making it eight to eight. Both clubs failed to score in the ninth innings, and the tenth was commenced to break the tie. The first two strikers on the Mutuals were disposed of, and JEWETT, the next striker, had got to his second base, when he was caught napping by PABOR and MARTIN, and another "goose egg" was added to the five already to the credit of the Mutuals. GOLDIE, the first striker for the Unions, had a ground-ball to the extreme left field, and started round the bases for a home run. The ball was nicely fielded in from WATERMAN to DEVIN, and from the latter to JEWETT; but although it reached the home base first, JEWETT failed to hold it, and GOLDIE carried off the honors for the best hit of the game, as the next three strikers were disposed of in one, two, three order. GOLDIE, by his fine effort at the bat won the game, making the only home run. The score is one of the smallest on record, and there were fewer errors made of any game within our recollection. The fielding of both clubs included no single effort. Every position was played with a nicety that would be difficult to equal, much less excel. The pitching was very effective, and both PABOR and PETERS covered themselves with honor. The latter made a double play in the ninth inning, catching a fly ball from BEALS' bat, and throwing it to first before EXTRUM could get to his base. MARTIN, who was put into the Mutual nine, to change off with PETERS in case the Unions punished the latter's pitching, was kept at centre field all through the game. He caught two fly-balls in fine style, for which he was deservedly applauded.

The crowd was not so large as at the game on Monday, but there was not have been at least three or four thousand people present. The umpire was thoroughly impartial in his decisions, and kept both pitchers and strikers well down to their work. The score is as follows:

MUTUAL.	Outs.	Runs.	UNION.	Outs.	Runs.
Hatfield, 2d b	4	1	Goldie, 1st b	3	1
Waterman, l. f	0	0	Martin, 2d b	3	0
Devin, c. s	3	1	Pabor, p	3	0
Peters, p	4	1	Austin, c. f	3	0
Pike, 3d b	3	0	Aitken, s. s	3	0
Martin, c. f	2	2	Birdsall, c	3	0
Bearman, 1st b	2	0	Ketchum, 2d b	3	1
Jewett, c	5	0	Beals, r. f	3	1
McMahon, r. f	4	0	Smith, l. f	3	1
Total	30	5	Total	30	9

INNINGS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.	
Mutual	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	5
Union	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	9

Fly catches—Mutual, 15; Union, 18.
Out on fouls—Mutual, 10; Union, 4.
Out on bases—Mutual, 9; Union, 7.
Struck out—Peters, 1; Martin, 1; Beals, 1.
Left on bases—Mutual, 5; Union, 3.
Home runs—Goldie, 1.
Passed balls—Jewett, 7; Birdsall, 6.
Bases on called balls—B. Martin, 2; Jewett, 1.
Umpire—Mr. CHARLES MILLS, of the Atlantic Club.
Scorers—Conway and SWIFT.
Time of game—Two hours and five minutes.

Regatta of the Columbia Boat Club.

A very delightful affair was the regatta of the Columbia Boat Club off the Elysian Fields yesterday. The occasion drew together a large throng of spectators at the Elysian Fields, and numberless small boats were in the river, whose occupants had come out to the race. The officers of the Club and their guests proceeded to the place of meeting in the yacht *Mutual*, which came to anchor at the starting place. The weather was all that could be desired. Several thunder clouds from time to time threatened, but passed around without making good their unwelcome promises.

At 5 P. M. the first race commenced. It was a single-scull race, and the following were the entries:

J. H. Kobbe in the *Unknown*.
T. Van Raden in the *Lizzie*.
J. Hutchinson in the *Bella*.
J. C. O'Neill in the *May*.
H. G. Hashagen in the *Clara*.
Peter Curren in the *Hattie*.
John A. Meredith in the *Hunkey Peter*.

The boats started well together, HUTCHINSON, who was the favorite, leading. KOBBE, however, caught him before he passed the stake-boat, and returned the winner in 26 minutes and 15 seconds. The course was three miles long. VAN RADEN came in second a minute behind the winner, and O'NEILL was third, a minute behind VAN RADEN. HUTCHINSON, who had won many previous races, and whose triumph at first seemed a foregone conclusion, was seized with a cramp and declared that his defeat was owing to that.

The second race was a double scull race, and the following were the entries:

J. H. KOBBE and T. VAN RADEN, in the *Unknown*.
J. HUTCHINSON and P. MCINDOE, in the *Bella*.
G. M. YOUNG and W. SIELKEN, in the *Bug*.
J. SCRANTON and P. CURREN, in the *Carrie*.

This race, which was over the same course, was won by YOUNG and SIELKEN in 24 minutes and 49 seconds. The *Bella* came in second, 25 minutes and 28 seconds.

The third race was for six-oared boats, in which the gig *Columbia* was pitted against the shell *Harlequin*. The former won the race in 18 minutes and 36 seconds, but the shell was not far behind. The boats were manned as follows:

Columbia—J. Van Raden, (stroke,) J. H. Kobbe, W. F. Sielken, G. W. Young, (bow,) W. Martin, J. Meredith, James P. Burrell, coxswain.

Harlequin—J. Hutchinson, (bow,) H. G. Hashagan, J. Rouga, P. McIndoe, O. B. Sanger, J. C. O'Neill, (stroke.)

The prize for the first race was a gold pin, representing paddles crossed, over which was a scroll, inscribed "Columbia." The two successful oarsmen of the second race received each a similar breast-pin of silver. There was no prize for the third race.

JAMES P. BURRELL and HENRY ARMELUNG were the judges, and CHARLES A. PEVERELLE was the referee. After the races were over, the members of the Club proceeded to their boat-house, where the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mr. CHAS. A. PEVERELLE.

Fire Commissioners.

The Metropolitan Board of Fire Commissioners held their usual weekly meeting yesterday, Gen. SHALER, President, in the chair. The report of the custodian of the "Stephenson Medal Fund," that the amount in his hands has been deposited in Savings bank to credit of the "Metropolitan Fire Department Medal Fund," was received and filed. An invitation from the Gould Machine Company to the Board, to witness the trial of a steamer built by them for Lafayette Company No. 2 to take place in Canal-street, near Market-street, Newark, N. J., on Tuesday, the 13th inst., was received and accepted. A resolution to place the "Repair Fund" under the charge of Committee on Apparatus was adopted. A resolution instructing the Committee on Buildings to have placed in each bunk-room an 8-inch gong to be rung by the man on watch, in case of an alarm of fire during the night, was adopted. Commissioner ARBE offered a resolution, that the resolution of the Board of July 17, 1867, providing for appointment of acting fireman, at a salary not exceeding $700 per annum, be rescinded. Some discussion followed, and the subject was referred to Committee of the Whole. After some unimportant routine business, the Board adjourned.

TEMPLARS OF HONOR AND TEMPERANCE.

Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council—Interesting Reports—Public Reception of Representatives.

The twenty-first annual session of the Supreme Council, Templars of Honor and Temperance, was held yesterday morning at Masonic Hall, Union-square, the following named officers being present:

Charles Letts, of Boston, M. W. T.; Jesse Williams, of New-Jersey, M. W. T., *pro tem.*; R. C. Bull, of New-York, M. W. D.; Daniel L. Weaver, of Albany, M. W. Tr., *pro tem.*; George C. Gates, of Rhode Island, M. W. U.; T. Parsons, of Missouri, M. W. G., *pro tem.*; George F. Turner, of Pennsylvania, P. M. W. T.

After prayer by the Chaplain, Mr. JOHN GABLE, of Pennsylvania, the following Committees were appointed:

State of the Order—R. T. Trail, N. G.; G. F. Turner, Pennsylvania; W. R. Stacy, Massachusetts.

Finance—Jas. M. Gibson, Massachusetts; W. E. Brown, New-York; John Gormley, Indiana.

Grand and Subordinate Templars—B. D. Worthingham, Ohio; Wm. H. Cluly, Pennsylvania; George C. Gates, Rhode Island.

Constitutions—A. H. Freeman, New-Jersey; O. J. Search, Pennsylvania; J. B. Blanchard, Massachusetts.

Appeal—S. W. Hodges, Massachusetts; Jesse Williams, New-Jersey; E. A. Freeman, Rhode Island.

Petitions—S. H. Wallace, Pennsylvania; D. Heaton, New-York; T. Parsons, Missouri.

Business—John Gable, Pennsylvania: D. S. Tarr, Massach